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ULTIMATUM TO NANKING

Reds Demand Virtual Surrender By Govt WILL CROSS RIVER

The Chinese Communist radio today demanded immediate surrender of the Nanking Government.

The broadcast, heard in Shanghai, came a short time after authoritative sources said the Communists had handed the Government an ultimatum demanding virtual surrender.

The ultimatum, those sources said, was handed to Acting President Li Tsung-jen by two Communist representatives. The Communists were believed to be among four men flown here from Peiping yesterday.

The agents reportedly brought a specific proposal to Nanking for the composition of a joint committee which must be formed by Saturday. Red troops will fight their way across the Yangtze.

Informal sources said Chairman of the committee would be China's number one Communist, Mao Tse-tung, with President Li as Vice-Chairman. The chief function of the committee would be delivery of Nationalist armies to the Reds within a few days—possibly by Tuesday.

Four members of the Government peace delegation in Peiping returned unexpectedly to Nanking late yesterday and shortly afterwards Premier Ho Ying-chin paid a hurried call at the residence of Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

One source, however, revealed that one of the four returned was Liu Chung-hua, adviser to the Government delegation.

The other three members were not identified, but were at first believed to be secretaries of the Government delegation.

Red Radio Attack

This development occurred almost an hour after the Chinese Communist radio let loose another blast at the Nanking Government. The broadcast said: "The Nanking Li Tsung-jen-Ho Ying-chin government, including its Chang Chih-chung delegation, is essentially a mixed composition of two policies—'Standing closer to the Chiang Kai-shek war criminal bloc and their master, American imperialism' on one hand and on the other 'vacillating at the crossroads without a clear direction.' They want to have dealings with both sides and get along with both sides."

The broadcast also warned that whether a settlement is reached or not, the Communist troops will cross the Yangtze.

The American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post," quoting "authoritative Chinese sources," said tonight that the peace negotiations were on the verge of a "complete breakdown" as a result of a series of new conditions brought forth by the Red leaders.

Likely Causes Of Breakdown

The most likely causes which probably prompted the new demands were said to include:

First, the Nanking student-soldiers' clash, for which the Communists are now demanding that General Tang En-po, the Shanghai-Nanking Garrison Commander, General Chang Shun-min, Nanking Garrison Commander, as well as Chiang Kai-shek be arrested immediately and handed over to the Reds for punishment.

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REPORTS ON SUBMARINES DISCOUNTED

Manila, April 6. A Department of National Defence spokesman discounted reports that unidentified submarines had been unloading arms for Communist guerrillas in East Luzon.

He told the press the Philippine Army has been unable to confirm the reports or gain any evidence that Huk supplies have increased.—Associated Press.

Secondly, the take-over of Nanking and Shanghai by the Communists, who are reported to have made this one of the conditions to be conceded by the Nationalists before the discussion of other peace terms.

Thirdly, the demand that the Nationalists make an immediate and clear-cut declaration against the North Atlantic Pact, thus breaking diplomatically from America and the rest of the Western bloc.

There was no official confirmation of any of the Shanghai reports on the peace talk hitches. Earlier, it was reported that the peace negotiations which started in Peiping yesterday, were deadlocked today after the Reds demanded a satisfactory solution of last Friday's student-soldier clash in Nanking before any talks would be resumed.

Soldier-Student Clash

The official "Central Daily News," reporting on the negotiations, said that one of the four members of the government delegation who suddenly returned to Nanking late yesterday, reported to Premier Ho Ying-chin that the Communists broke off the talks and refused to meet the government peace delegation again until the Nanking government could announce a settlement, in which leaders of the soldiers responsible for the clash are properly punished. This, however, was denied by a government spokesman.

The clash occurred on the day that the peace talks opened when

students marching toward the Presidential Office encountered a group of demobilized soldiers. A fight broke out when the soldiers were angered by the students' chanting of Communist songs and slogans and dancing in the streets. One student was fatally injured and more than 80 others suffered various degrees of injury.

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General Tsai Ting-kai, one of the liberal party leaders who left for Communist-held territory before Marshal Li Chai-sum has requested his family to sell their property in Hong Kong and proceed to North China.

It was learned yesterday that his wife has already left Hong Kong for Peiping.

Other reports from Peiping to members of liberal parties in Hong Kong said that the China Democratic League, the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee and other third parties have been refused permission by the Chinese Communist Party to participate in the peace conference with the Nanking regime.

This action on the part of the Chinese Communist Party, it was added, has caused dissension between the Communist Party and the other liberal groups.

Waving Good-Bye



Princess Margaret, wearing a stone-coloured, beaver-trimmed coat and matching hat, waves good-bye to children at the end of her visit to the Downend Children's Home at Bristol.—Associated Press photo.

SIR STAFFORD BEGINS HIS BUDGET SPEECH

London, April 6. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, began his Budget speech to a packed House of Commons today with a review of Britain's economic situation.

The strangest feature of the opening scene was the almost empty Diplomatic Gallery. The envoys of the Marshall-Plan countries, whose economic recovery is so closely linked with that of Britain, had still to make their appearance when Sir Stafford, dapper and smiling, took his seat. But all the other accommodation was packed with distinguished visitors and members of the public.

A grave faced messenger followed Sir Stafford, carrying a large white jug containing lemonade to sustain the Chancellor in his 14,000-word speech.

The occasion was surrounded by the sense of drama that traditionally accompanies the Government's proposals to raise the sum of nearly £4,000,000,000 by taxation. As is customary, the main outlines of the expenditure side of the Budget have already been reviewed in the form of Estimates by the various civilian and military services. These have shown an outlay during the next financial year of £3,900,000,000. Of this sum, £758,000,000 is accounted for by defence.

In addition, it had been estimated that by the end of March, 1950, the national finances should show a surplus of £415,000,000. During the financial year just ended, the revenue showed a surplus of £831,000,000 over expenditure—a result deliberately designed with the object of combating inflation.—Reuter.

Owners Of Land In UK Take Note

Local residents who owned or leased property in England, Wales or Scotland on July 1, 1948, should consider claiming on a fund of £300,000,000 which the United Kingdom Government has set aside under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1947.

An official announcement issued in Hong Kong yesterday said that if any person has land which could be made more valuable by being built on (for example an unutilized housing plot) or a building which could be made more valuable by being extended or put to some different use, he ought to consider claiming on the fund.

The fund has been set aside to compensate owners for loss of the development value of their land. The value now belongs to the State.

Any person affected, should inform his representative in Great Britain immediately to consider putting in a claim at the local office or the Central Land Board. No claims will be accepted after June 30, 1949.

It was officially stated that it is advisable to secure professional advice.

On Proposed Constitutional Changes In HK

A summary of the despatches between Sir Mark Young, former Governor of Hong Kong, and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the proposed Constitutional changes in Hong Kong and the setting up of a Municipal Council, will be found on pages 3 and 11.

The precise details with despatches between Sir Mark and Mr. Creech Jones in 1946 and 1947, which outlined the composition of the proposed Municipal Council of Hong Kong, its eligibility, procedure of elections and implementation.

This unclassified summary is being published as a guide in the present discussions among the citizens of Hong Kong on the proposed Constitutional changes.

Opposition Claim Gains In Election

London, April 5. Conservative Party Headquarters today claimed sweeping victories in the first round of the County Council elections.

Seven counties in England and Wales voted yesterday for new county governments, 14 were voted today and 41 other counties will ballot through the remainder of this week.

A Tory spokesman said Conservative gains yesterday pointed to a triumph for Mr. Winston Churchill's Party in the general Parliamentary elections next year.

"It is impossible to separate the county elections from the general elections because the same voting register is used," he said.

Latent returns showed the Conservatives had increased their control in five counties which they held before the elections but had not dislodged the Labour Party in two other counties—both located in Welsh industrial districts.

Final results in six out of seven counties showed that the Conservatives won 35 additional seats while Labour lost six seats and other Parties lost 20 seats.

Labour Party Headquarters reported earlier today that it had suffered a net loss of 13 seats. The Conservatives claimed Labour had a net loss of 18 seats compared with the Conservatives' net gain of 28 seats.—United Press.

RARE LIVE CARGO FROM HK TO U.S.

A rare live cargo, estimated to be worth HK\$250,000, left the Colony last night by the ss. President Tyler for America, where it will be distributed to zoos and film studios.

Collected from Siam's plentiful fauna, the "floating menagerie" consists of five elephants, valued at about HK\$20,000 each, 19 pythons and 10 cobras measuring between 14 and 20 feet long, and 45 crates of monkeys, gibbons, tiger cubs, bears and tropical birds.

Travelling with the animals is Mr. George Emerson, noted Hollywood animal trainer who brought them from Bangkok by the ss. Produce on behalf of Mr. Noel Rosefeld, Far East representative of the Catalina Wild Life Expeditions, Catalina Island.

Several tons of food enough to last a 30-day journey were loaded, including 80,000 live worms, 1,000 crabs, 100 lb. of fresh shrimp, 100 lbs. of fresh beef, numerous sacks of potatoes, rice, paddy and bundles of sugar cane.

The APL freighter is expected to make the trip to San Francisco, in 17 days.

They had a licking on our last trip, when we lost 80 per cent of our shipment because of sudden temperature changes and lack of food," Mr. Rosefeld, who is leaving for another safari this week-end in the jungles of Siam and the East Indies, said yesterday.

There was no food left when the ship was about 1,000 miles from San Francisco and as a result a special UBN flying boat had to be chartered to drop cases of hay and worms on to the ship to relieve the famine. That flight cost about US\$20,000, he added.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone continues to move slowly ESE across Central China, and the depression, now intensifying rapidly, is moving E from Central Honshu.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds. Cloudy with fair periods during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 68.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 62.1 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 11. Rainfall: 0.0 mm. Total since Jan. 1—127.4 mm. 0.41 in. as against an average of 178.5 mm. 7.04 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. Bar. at sea level 1020.8 1019.8 m.b. Temp. 64.4 60.4 59.4 deg. F. Rel. Humidity 64 64 64 % Dew Point 57 55 54 deg. F. Wind Direction 2 ESE Wind Force 2 2 2 knots Tide 1/2 High 1555 6.0

KAREN CHIEF ENDS REVOLT

Rangoon, April 6. Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karen National Union, said today that the Karen revolt had ended and that he would support the Burmese government.

In an interview, he said he and Premier Thakin Nu had reached an agreement on "all points," indicating that Thakin Nu might continue running the country with the Independents in his cabinet rather than turn to the Communists for support.

Saw Ba U Gyi said he called for a cease fire on all fronts "and all commanders are complying." He added the Karen revolt, which began in January, ended because the "Karens are getting what they want without fighting."

The Karen leader negotiated with Thakin Nu for peace after six Socialists resigned from the government. The Premier had been reforming his cabinet with Independents. Government sources said the agreement called for:

1. Immediate cease fire.
2. Creation of a commission to inquire into Karen demands for an autonomous state.
3. Disbanding of Saw Ba U Gyi's private army.

Informants said Saw Ba U Gyi was not seeking a portfolio in the cabinet but promised to support Thakin Nu. They said he also promised that the Karens would help maintain law and order in the country, presumably against Communist insurgents.

First reports from the insular front 10 miles North of Rangoon said that Karens and government troops were joyously shaking hands and exchanging souvenirs.—United Press.

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P.I. Body Set To Hear Charges

Manila, April 6. The House of Representatives today created a special seven-man committee to hear the impeachment charges brought against President Quirino.

It was composed of five majority and two minority Congressmen and headed by Harvard-educated Representative Lorenzo Sumulong of Rizal.

The move came shortly after the House received a letter from President Quirino asking immediate action "so as not to allow the people a moment of suspense as to my personal and official integrity."

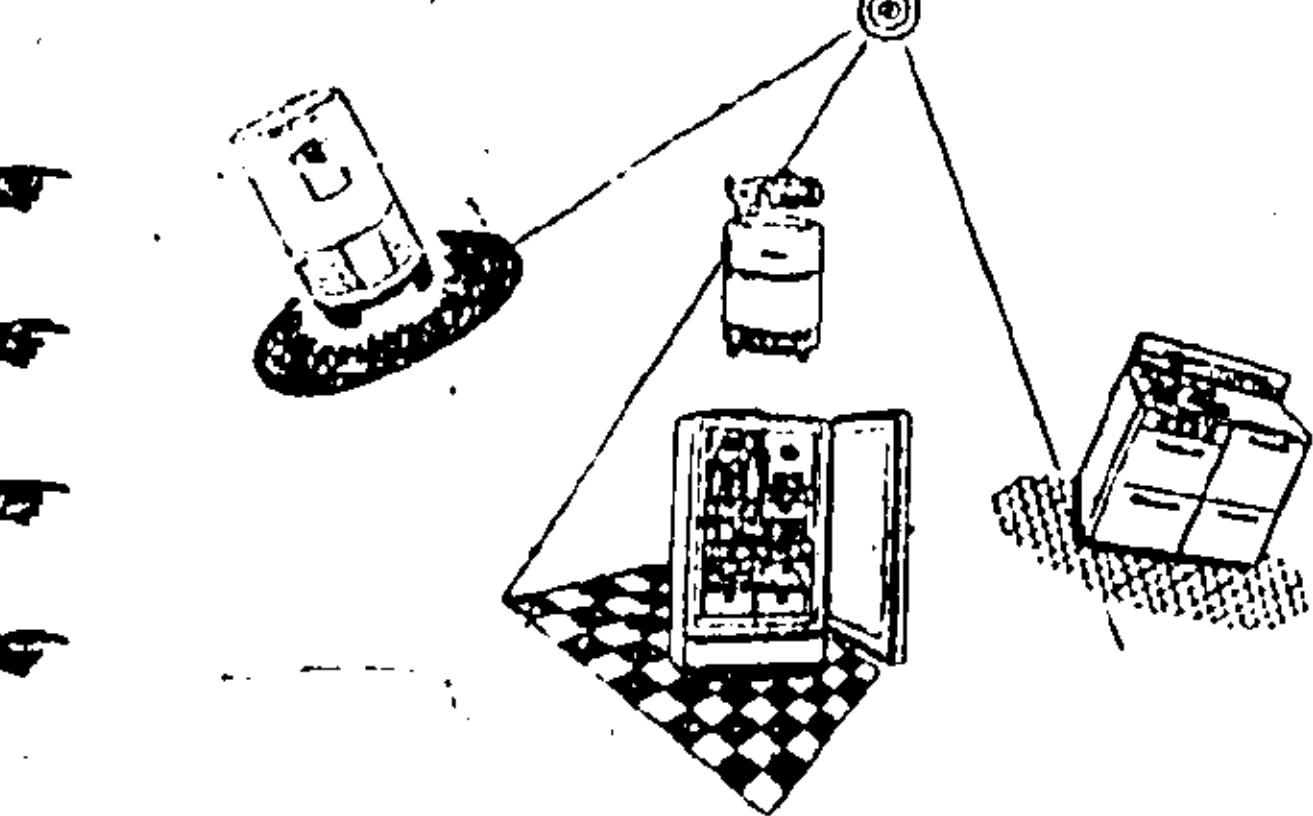
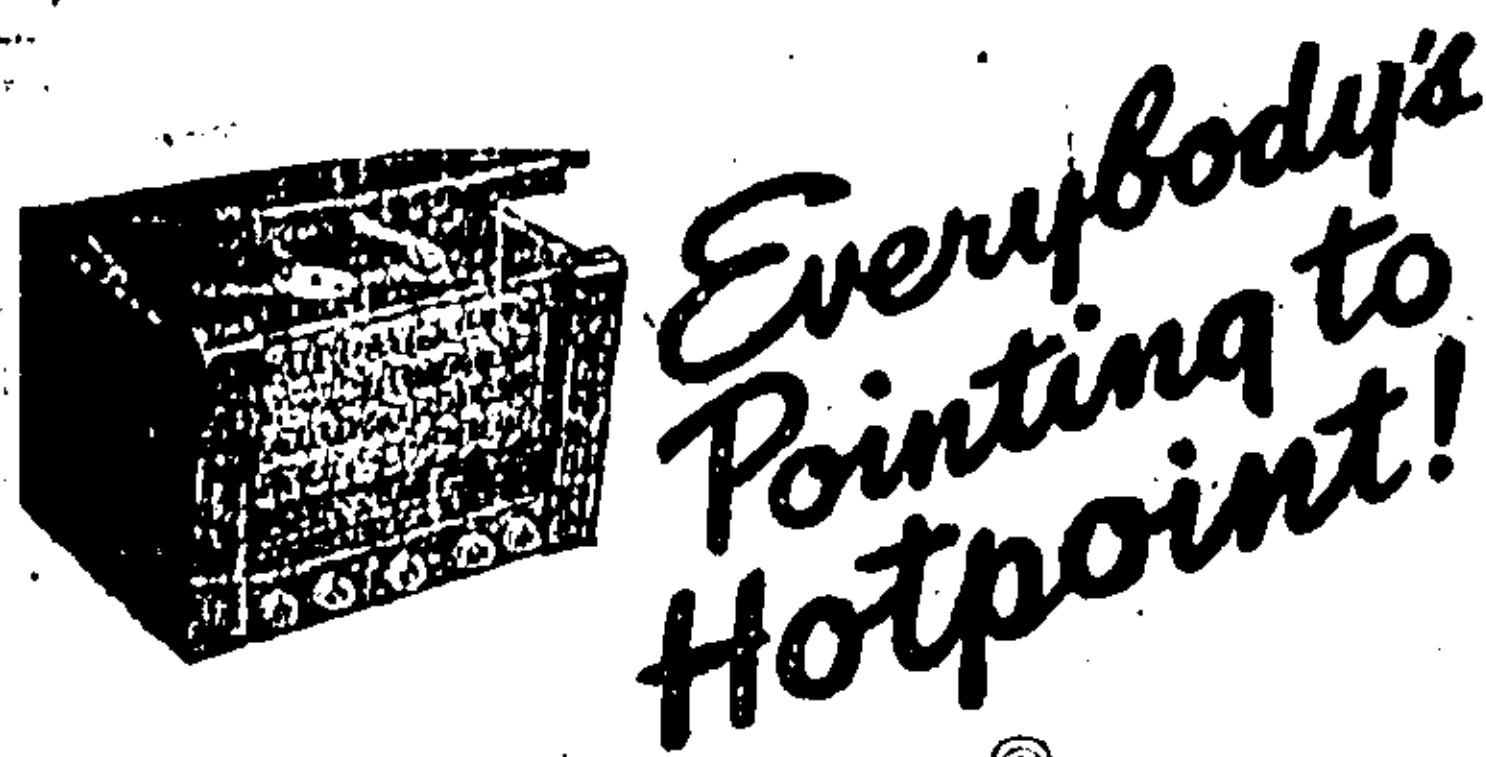
The President blamed the impeachment move on his political enemies who were attempting to disrupt relations between the executive and the legislative branches of the Government.—Associated Press.

People Like Coca-Cola Where They Work

So far this campaign has been very lucky. Casualties have been slight. During the week's stay here the animals lived in comfort apparently because of the cool weather," Mr. Rosefeld said.



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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN POTTINGER ST. MURDER

At the third hearing of the Pottinger Street murder trial yesterday, evidence as to the general character and nature of the accused was given by his father, brother, a friend, and a Roman Catholic priest.

The accused in the dock is Ngai Pak-chuen, 26-year-old shop assistant, who is charged with the alleged murder of Lo Kin, his cousin and colleague, at 26 Pottinger Street on September 29, last.

Ngai is alleged to have stabbed Lo three times with a meat-knife after the transaction of certain debts incurred during a mahjong game played with other folks of the shop.

Defending Ngai is Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau. Conducting the prosecution case is Mr. A. Houston, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cusimano.

At the beginning of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Chen arose and made his opening address to the jury. In the course of which he stated that the prosecution case relied on the fact that there had been no fight between the accused and the deceased. The defence, he declared, was going to rely on the very statements of the prosecution witnesses made immediately after the incident, when each had been a sum of money that night equivalent to half his monthly pay—\$25 or more. If anyone had reason to be dissatisfied with the outcome and transaction that had taken place that night, he said, it was not the accused, but the deceased.

First Witness

The first witness for the defence, the accused's father, Ngai Kwok-leung, the proprietor of the Wah On Company, stated that he lived at 30 Morrison Hill Road, second floor, with his wife.

Ngai went on to say that the accused as a child was always in poor health. At 15 or 16 he suffered from a heart disease. Every now and then the accused always complained of feeling dizzy.

Continuing the witness disclosed that after having gone through certain primary schools, the accused finally went to Wah Yau College for a short period. He, however, had to leave school at the fall of Hong Kong in 1941. He was 18 then.

Questioned further, Ngai stated that the accused was by nature quiet, and seldom speaks. He is not of the energetic type, he said.

In reply to another question, the witness told the court that as far as he knew, the accused and the deceased got on very well together at the shop.

Referring to the early morning of September 29 last year, the witness said that at about 1 a.m. there was a telephone call at his home, which was answered by his other son, Robert Ngai who lives with him. As a result of that call, he said, he sent Robert and a friend of the latter's to the shop at Pottinger Street.

After Robert and the friend had left for the shop, the witness went on, he himself phoned up the shop and made further inquiries to Lo Tat. Lo, the witness claimed, told him that the condition of the wounded man was very serious. As a result of this, the witness himself went to the shop in a taxi.

The Accused's Brother

Robert Ngai, the witness's son, testified as to having answered the phone call from Lo Tat that night and he was told that his brother had had a fight with Lo Kin.

The witness also said in reply to a query that his brother, the accused, is of the retiring and quiet sort.

Robert Ngai's friend, Raymond John Spencer, who had accompanied him from his home to the Pottinger Street shop on the night in question, corroborated Robert Ngai's evidence.

Mr. Spencer asserted that he habitually dropped in at the Pottinger Street shop. The accused, he said, in a reserved sort of way, while Lo Kin, the deceased, was very talkative and had a perpetual smile on his face.

Reverend Father Peter Ngai, a cousin of accused's father, who had known the accused for 18 years since the latter's return from Annam, testified as to the general demeanour of the accused. Among his other brothers, the witness said, he is the dullest one.

Replying to a question, Father Ngai told the court that the accused has been an obedient boy. After legal submissions had been given by both sides, Counsels gave their closing addresses. Hearing will continue at 9.30 this morning.

No Foul Play In Three Fire Deaths

The death inquest of three young children victims of the fire at 203 Temple Street on the night of January 15, ended yesterday when Mr. Blair-Kerr returned the verdict of death by misadventure.

The inquest which had been heard previously on March 21, was adjourned by Inspector Waldron's request when a bereaved mother, one of the witnesses, alleged foul play in the blaze.

Inspector Waldron wanted time to make further inquiries.

Yesterday, in the witness box, DSI Will stated that he was at the scene of the fire and had investigated it. In his opinion, he stated, the fire was started by accident when an old woman groped in the dark with a lighted piece of paper which set fire to the wooden shavings on the floor.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT TAIKOKTSUI



Two Tenancy Disputes End

An appeal before Mr. Justice Reynolds to set aside a tenancy tribunal decision ended in a compromise yesterday between the disputing parties.

The appeal was made by Wong Kwun-cheung, care of Verder and Company, China Buildings.

Wong was evicted by an order of a tenancy tribunal, presided over by Mr. W. H. Young, from a piece of land known as Kowloon Island Lot No. 1421, Kwong Wah Street, measuring about 25,000 square feet which he was using as a vegetable garden.

The eviction was granted on the application of Wo Kee, who said they required the land for building purposes.

The appeal yesterday was on the ground he had no time to defend his case at the tenancy tribunal as he was not served with notice until after the hearing had started.

The settlement reached provided that half of the area would be given back to Wong within 30 days, and the remainder within three months upon the expiration of the 30 days.

The appeal was accordingly dismissed by the court.

Mr. J. A. Bernhill, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin, represented Wong; and Mr. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, was for Wo Kee.

Another Case
In another tenancy dispute, also heard by Mr. Justice Reynolds, both parties agreed to set aside a tenancy tribunal decision, which granted an eviction order to the applicants.

The order affected the second floor of No. 12B, Austin Road, occupied by Rosa Lam, married woman, Noma Lam, Pacific Mendosa, and others.

The appeal yesterday was on the ground that Rosa Lam was in Hong Kong when the tenancy tribunal proceedings were heard.

Mr. P.C. Woo, for Rosa Lam, asked that the tenancy tribunal decision be set aside because of irregularity, adding that this would not affect the merits of the case.

Mr. Alfred Hon, representing the owner To Yuet-ming, merchant, of 134 Wing Lok Street West, 3rd floor, raised no objection.

Mr. Justice Reynolds granted the application, and gave an order that all the opponents should be received in case of a rehearing of the tenancy case.

Cost of HK\$100 was awarded against respondents.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. Asyanaux for Shanghai were Mrs. M. L. Wimbish, her three daughters, Anne, Mary and Louise, Mrs. E. M. Duff, Mrs. J. England, Mrs. J. M. Caddas, and Mrs. E. R. Richardson.

Three Killed, Five Injured In Fire

Eight casualties, including three fatal ones, were claimed at Taikoktsui yesterday, when an area of more than 25,000 square yards, enclosing a once busy centre of textile factories, machinery manufacturers and timber yards, went up in a costly blaze shortly before dawn yesterday.

The fire started a little before 5 a.m. and raged furiously for more than four hours, reaching its fill of destruction before being subdued by the Fire Department whose third alarm brought fire fighting assistance from all quarters of the mainland including the Military.

In its wake, the fire left an ugly scene of twisted metal and charred remains of huts and sheds, driving out several hundred squatters from their wooden houses.

This was the second fire in the same vicinity. The first Taikoktsui fire some two months back took a heavy toll in lives when it invaded a whole community of squatters to level the area completely.

The blaze yesterday morning was of such magnitude that the glow was clear for miles around the Colony. One early riser, living in Bowen road, likened the scene of the inferno to a glorious sunrise in the middle of summer.

Three persons were killed in the fire. One was found dead. Another an old woman, about 50 years old, was discovered in a critical condition. She was rushed immediately to an ambulance to the hospital but succumbed to her burns on the way.

Boy Believed Dead
The third person killed was stated to be an infant boy. The remains, however, could not be recovered although Sanitary Inspectors have made detailed searches.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. The fire once started, blazed away with rapid fury and was helped by a North Easterly wind that blew the flames Southward, along the Hong Kong Shipyard.

Divisional Officer, V.C. Seymour of the Mongkok Fire Station was almost immediately on the scene after a first alarm had reached the station. Several appliances were put into operation and, in spite of difficulties due to the poor accessibility to the scene, were soon operating their fire fighting devices to effect.

Later, the Kowloon Terminus Station arrived with their squad under the direction of Divisional Officer, V.C. Seymour.

WEDDINGS

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of the following:—

Mr. Jay Russell Getz, Jr., of Standard Oil Company, Shumshui, Canton, China, and Miss Christine Yvonne Kuhn, of Milan, Italy.

Mr. Alec Charles Barton, pharmacist, of 137 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, and Miss Mary Smith, stenographer, of Melbourne Hotel, Kowloon.

Mr. John Percival Prettejohn, newspaper reporter, of European YMCA, and Miss Jean Loretta Ip, of Melbourne Hotel, Medway Road, Kowloon.

Personalia

Mr. Drayton Wilbur, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Federal Reserve Agent for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, arrived yesterday by SOAC from Singapore.

Mr. Wilbur is President of the Wilbur Ellis Company and its affiliate, Connell Brothers Company, Limited. He is also President of the San Francisco Museum of Art.

Mr. D. P. Khosla, agent in India for the United Development Company, Limited, arrived yesterday by Pan American from Tokyo.

Mr. G. W. G. McConachie, President of Canadian Pacific Airways, left yesterday for Shanghai. After a short stay there, he will return to his company's Montreal head office.

Mr. Ling Chieh-kung, of the Chinese Embassy at Ottawa, Canada, left yesterday by PAL for Manila.

The Honourable Dr. S. N. Chau left yesterday by PAL for Manila and San Francisco.

The Reverend Mr. S. Sheehan, the Reverend Mr. J. Nennery, Mr. and Mrs. Abushidze, Messrs. W. S. G. Milne, A. R. Ladbroke, and S. S. McInnes left for Sydney yesterday by Quantas Empire Airways.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Spooner, Miss P. A. Chan, Messrs. E. S. Stutz, T. Y. Zee, N. D. Jones, J. Jackson, J. J. Brennan, N. C. R. Gelkie, J. C. Turner, C. Y. Lee, C. F. Von Sytlow, Y. Y. Liu, Koo Shun-chin, Lu Kum-chin, and F. A. Small left for Shanghai yesterday by SOAC.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dersham, Mrs. L. G. Grant, Mrs. S. M. Guttridge, Mrs. Raymond Chan, Messrs. T. C. Han, Y. F. Lam, A. Gilmore and B. Y. Sun.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coy, Messrs. W. A. J. Bayne, G. A. Heedly, K. F. Lafferty, W. C. Ward, W. Alkon, Y. K. Feng, W. E. Clarke, C. G. Hammes, and Fred J. H. Elliot.

Mr. Elmer Davis, international news commentator well known in the United States and abroad, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Shanghai.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Life in England today" by Mr. A. Hollis, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Council of Women, general meeting, talk by Mr. Walter Fletcher, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Mothers' Union Building, 10 a.m.

Inter-part Sub-Committee, meeting at HKFA office, 5.30 p.m.

Screening of film on Steel Industry in Britain, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK Hockey Association meeting at SCM Post board room, 6.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Gramophone Recital by Music Group of Sino-British Club, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Social Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY
League Soccer matches.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Toe H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, Sketching Party, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

HK Light Orchestra Promenade Concert, The Gripps, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.

Talk on "Architecture and Town Planning" by Mr. J. T. Mallorie, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

American Tennis Tournaments, European YMCA.

MONDAY
HK and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

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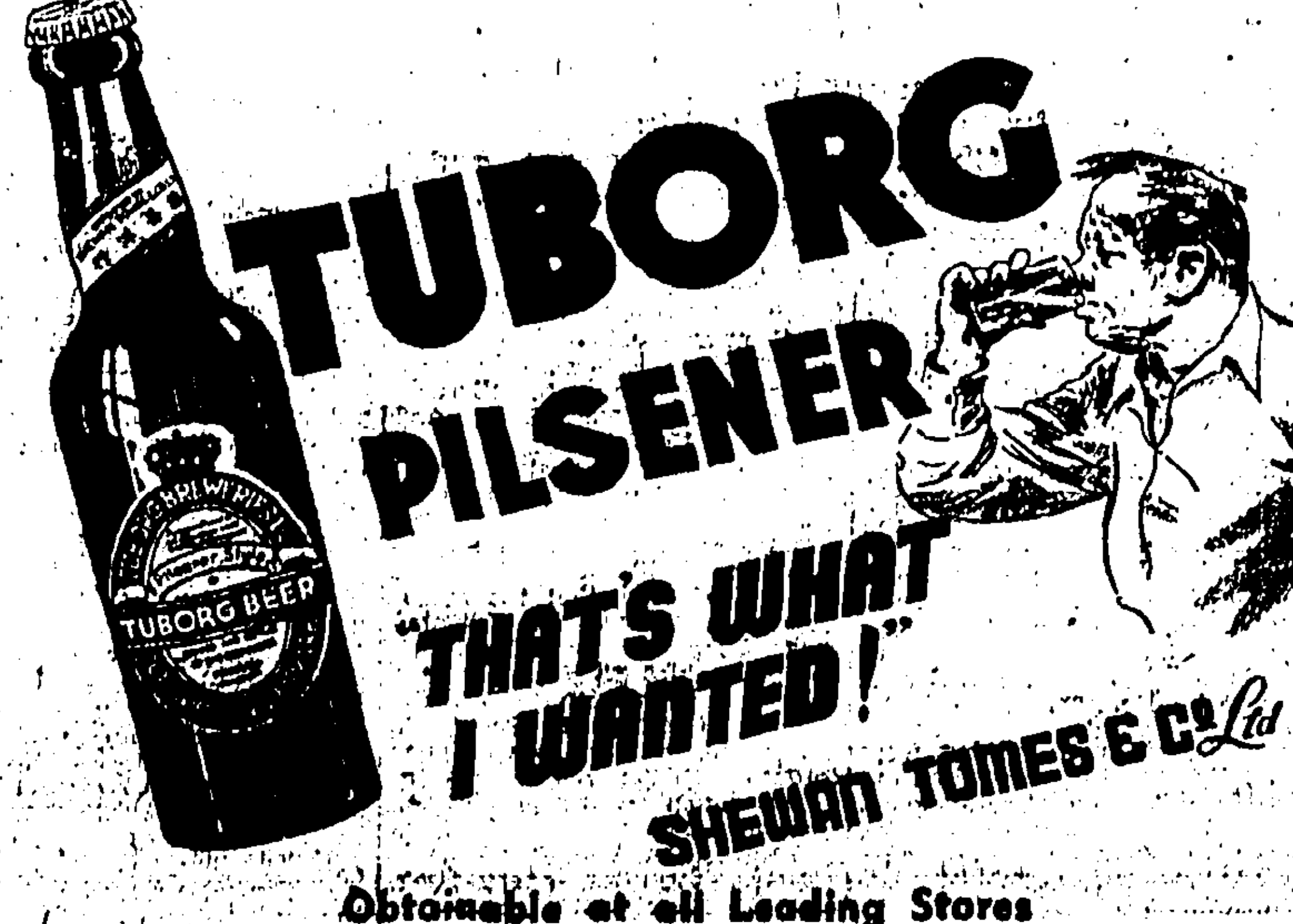
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Summary Of Despatches On Municipal Council

There must be many people who have either not read the published despatches between Sir Mark Young, former Governor of this Colony (and the originator of the present scheme for the setting up of a Municipal Council) and Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

There must also be a large number among those who did read the despatches, who retain little memory of the details.

The following is an unbiased précis. These are the facts. Let this serve as a corrective against understatements of the importance of a matter, the importance of which to the immediate as well as the far-distant future well-being of this Colony cannot be overstressed.

Prices

of the interchange of despatches on the proposed Constitutional changes in Hong Kong.

A. DOCUMENTATION

(1) Hong Kong Despatch No. 145, dated October 22, 1946 (seven enclosures).

(2) Colonial Office Despatch No. 11 K. 222, dated July 3, 1947.

B. DESPATCHES

(1) In his statement, made in the House of Commons on March 5, 1947, Mr. Creech Jones announced his agreement with the main recommendations of Sir Mark Young for the establishment of a Municipal Council, on the widest representative basis possible, which would gradually assume as many of the present functions of the Central Government as can appropriately be assigned to it, and would embrace in its administrative area the whole Island of Hong Kong, the Kowloon ceded territory and that part of the New Territories known as New Kowloon. (The Northern Boundary of New Kowloon follows the 500 foot contour line of the Kowloon Peninsula, dropping down to the sea to the east, at Lyngmum, and to the north, to the West, at Lanchow.)

The remainder of the area of the New Territories, being rural in character, is not considered suitable for immediate inclusion.

Fifteen Members

Thus, the proposed new Legislative Council would in future consist of seven official members (two of the present nine losing their seats on the transfer of their departments to the Municipal Council) and eight unofficial members. After this change, a measure could only be carried against unanimous opposition by the unofficial members by the Governor exercising both his original and his casting vote.

(2) Between March 5, when Mr. Creech Jones made his first statement in Parliament, and July 3, 1947, when he signed his despatch, he gave further consideration to the despatch of Sir Mark Young, and what follows combines the effective points of both papers.

C. THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1) There is to be a single municipal body. That part of the New Territories situated to the North of the Northern boundary of New Kowloon will be administered under the District Officer system, unless and until it is shown desirable that it be brought within the area of the Municipal Council.

(2) The Council would, from its inception, take over the present responsibilities of the Urban Council—maintenance of public health in relation to food, control of town cleansing, conservancy, nuisances and domestic sanitation, and the licensing of certain premises and trades. To these would be added, forthwith, the fire brigades, parks, gardens, and recreation grounds, the licensing and control of places of amusement, and the licensing of vehicles.

In due course, further responsibilities would be delegated—public health and sanitation (with the possible exception of certain hospitals), education, social welfare, town planning, public works (including water supply, roads, drainage and buildings) and the supervision of public utilities, together with the control of franchises relating to them.

Note—Mr. Creech Jones points out that, in respect of such matters as town planning, education, social welfare and, in particular, public works, not only will the definition of the delegated responsibility need to be very clear, but action on these subjects, by the Municipal Council will need to be in strict conformity with general policy laid down by the Central Government.

Delegation Process

(3) Mr. Creech Jones suggests that the process of handing over of functions by the Central Government to the Municipal Council would be most appropriately described as one of delegation rather than transfer.

The Legislature would retain, as recommended by Sir Mark Young, clear authority to amend the Municipal Ordinance, or to extend or to reduce the powers of the Municipality, or to annul the effect of its past actions.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters to correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Wishful Thinking

Sir—With the publication of a joint manifesto by Mao Tse-tung and his satellite parties' leaders and the event of a Russo-American war, China under their leadership will fight for a Kremlin, the world should definitely give up the wishful thinking that China's needs are nationalistic and agrarian reform. Unless England and the United States are prepared to surrender their supremacy in the international power politics, they must change their China policy immediately. Such a change may be yet too late.

The "English-speaking world may" and "as their potential enemies one fourth of the population on earth." It is useless to blame Bobhevis and his vicious propaganda alone. Anglo-American policy, under the Central Powers in 1917, in the threatened seizure of the crushing of pro-Anglo-American influence in China since Yuan Shih-kai was granted the Reorganization Loan in 1913. With the conclusion of this loan, Democracy based on the Anglo-American ideal propagated by Dr. Sun Yat-sen was forever a hostile entity.

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Chiang Kai-shek was aided to slaughter the masses. Japan was permitted to grab and hold Manchuria. Anglo-American shipments constituted 50 per cent of the tonnage to carry the Mikado's forces in the invasion of China until the Shogunate made use of American bombers to destroy Pearl Harbour and America's Pacific Fleet.

Then the United States took over the leadership from Great Britain in general and the Anglo-American ideologists in particular. With the murders of Professors Yang Chien, Li Kung-pu and Wen I-tao by Chiang Kai-shek's Gestapo financed by American money, Anglo-American governments lost their moral status in China as far as Russia was concerned.

The successes of Chinese Communists were not so much due to their superiority in warfare and good government as due to the hatred entertained by the Chinese masses for the Kuomintang's Gestapo supported by Washington and Wall Street.

The exodus of respectable American returned students to the Red area is the prima facie evidence of persecution of Americans in China by America's diplomacy.

The first line of Anglo-American defence in Asia should be the Yellow River valley if not Manchuria. Now the Reds have come down to the Yangtze. Are White House and Downing Street going to find out some new remedies?

"A.B. WOODENHEAD"

Telephone Complaints Sir—I began to read very sympathetically Mr. T.Y. Lee's letter in Tuesday's "China Mail" concerning the alleged rudeness of a telephone operator, especially as I myself have frequently had reason to deplore the manners of many people in Hong Kong.

My sympathy, however, soon gave place to a very different feeling engendered by the "as a prominent businessman in this Colony" and "resented being lectured to by such a person." What follows may seem a little petulant, but it is meant in a friendly spirit and I believe the "China Mail" is sufficiently on the side of the "little man" to let it pass.

I wonder whether Mr. Lee really thinks that, just because he has been fortunate enough to retain or acquire a substantial income at a time when most of China's millions have been reduced to the borders of starvation and when university professors get a hundred dollars (Hong Kong) a month, he is entitled to a greater degree of politeness than, say, a teacher whose salary brackets him with the telephone operator who annoyed Mr. Lee's ire?

Politeness is always a desirable quality, but I fail to see why the lack of it is even more reprehensible when exhibited towards "a prominent businessman" than towards anybody else? Mr. Lee's knowledge of English, excellent, though it appears, is not perhaps quite sufficient for him to use that "person" used as he used it, was a term employed (in the old days of rigid class distinction) by masters wishing to indicate to their servants that some caller or other lacked the means to dress as he behaved "lady" or "gentleman" of the period, and, therefore, had become a peculiarly derogatory term. I cannot, however, altogether rid myself of the feeling that that is just how Mr. Lee meant it.

If, in some future order of society, even politeness is regimented and graded according to the birth of the recipient, it would be interesting to discover whether "prominent businessmen" would be entitled to a greater or lesser degree of that valuable commodity than teachers, hospital orderlies and others who devote their lives to the service of the community without hope of any of the substantial rewards frequently enjoyed by "prominent businessmen," whose services, to say the least, can hardly be considered greater than those of the latter.

JOHN BLOFELD.

FOOD AND FUEL PRICES

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended March 2 follow:

Rice and Flour	2.2 cwt.	\$4.400
Vegetables	1.0	1.275
Meat	1.0	1.500
Oil	1.0	1.300
Tea	1.0	2.000
Salt Fish	1.0	2.000
Pork	1.0	2.000
Firewood	10.0	2.000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		7.000
Total		\$12.970

SOIL DUMP AT WANCHAI GAP

The soil dump at Wanchai Gap will be closed off by the end of April 16, it was officially stated yesterday. No further dumping will be allowed.

Free dumping, however, will continue in the area East of Aberdeen, to form a site for the Fisheries Department.

An alternative site for dumping will be made available shortly at Bluepool Road, it was officially added yesterday.

Fireworks Dealer Fined \$2,700

The fire at No. 35 Staunton Street on February 14 and the death of a foki of the shop, named Wong Shoo-kun, were the subjects of an inquiry at Central yesterday with Mr. F. X. d'Almada sitting as Coroner.

Inspector Simpson conducted the inquiry and Mr. Brooks for the Fire Brigade, Mr. H. Capsick for the owner, Wong Chiu Koo Firm.

A police constable, Pui Yuen-kai, said that 10.25 a.m. on February 14 he was on duty and saw smoke coming out of No. 35 Staunton Street. He immediately telephoned the Fire Brigade and Central Police Station. There was a crowd of people outside the shop and he was under the impression that all the foki had left the shop.

Inspector Penfold of the Emergency Unit said when he went to the address with the Emergency Unit, he saw smoke coming out but there was no flame. Firecrackers were exploding at the rear of the premises.

S.I. Fleming took the joss papers and threw it into the roadway.

He went back to the police van to get an axe. After that there was a terrific explosion and everything in the shop burst into flames. After the explosion the Emergency Unit could not do anything but waited for the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Young Wing-kim, a shop fold testified that he saw the deceased sweeping the floor of the basement. Where there were a case of fireworks and some joss papers. Young said that he saw the deceased smoking a cigarette and later saw smoke coming out of the basement.

He Went Back

He shouted for the deceased to run. The deceased ran but went back to collect this packet and after that he was not seen again.

Wong Chiu, owner of the Wong Chiu Kee Firm, said that he had been in paper and fireworks business for 30 years, both as a wholesale dealer and retailer. Cross-examined by Mr. Brooks, Wong admitted that prior to the war there was a fire at the same premises when over a dozen lives were lost.

Clear evidence, Mr. Brooks said that the Fire Brigade received a message that a fire had broken out in Staunton Street. On arrival, he found the flames shooting up to the first and second floors of the building.

They broke open a wire netting to the basement and found the body of a Chinese boy inside a large drum in a disused lavatory in the yard.

Fireworks

"The indiscriminate storing of the fireworks added considerably to the rapid spread of the fire, which possibly started from the basement," concluded Mr. Brooks.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death due to the fire.

Immediately after the inquiry, Wong Chan, owner of the Wong Chiu Kee Firm, through his lawyer Mr. Capsick pleaded guilty to the charges of storing fireworks without a licence, storing of prohibited fireworks and of committing a public mischief.

Prosecuting Mr. Brooks said that the Fire Brigade takes a very serious view of the case. If it had not been for the indiscriminate storing of the fireworks, the boy's life might have been saved. Mr. Capsick said that his client had been in the business for over 30 years. The fireworks were returned to him after the Chinese New Year and he had intended to send them back to Macao. Wong Chan was fined a total of \$2,700 by Mr. d'Almada.

NO REASON FOR PESSIMISM

There is no reason for pessimism concerning business conditions in the East today, according to Mr. Paul Rykens of Lever Brothers and Unilever Brothers, Limited, of London.

Mr. Rykens, who passed through Hong Kong yesterday en route to Bangkok, has visited Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippine Islands in the past few weeks. He is making a survey of business conditions for his firm.

Mr. Rykens found conditions more upset in Indonesia than in any of the other countries he had visited. However, he commented that trouble in Malaysia was disrupting business, too.

Unilever Brothers plan to build a factory in Kuala Lumpur some time in the next two years. The land has already been purchased. The company has factories now in Siam, the Philippine Islands and Indonesia.

After a short stay in Bangkok, Mr. Rykens will be returning to London. He was met at Kai Tak by Mr. E. A. Griffiths of The China Soap Company, Limited, local agents for Lever Brothers, Limited.

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Matheson & Company Limited,
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April, 1949, at Noon, to trans-
act the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the
Report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in
respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
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Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

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H.K. COUNCIL OF
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A GENERAL MEETING will
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is raising your partner's possibly
our-card suit with only three
cards of it. The soundest player
is obliged to do that in certain
situations, even though he knows
that any fewer than four cards
make a dangerous trump suit be-
ing chosen. But suppose your
hand is too strong to pass, has
no other suit in it which you
might bid, and is unsuitable for
No Trumps because it doesn't
stop some one suit bid by an op-
ponent. Among such a choice of
vils, your sole recourse may be
a three-card raise.

West had a tough time to make
that contract. Having lost the
first two tricks to the heart K
and diamond A, and winning the
third with the diamond K when
the J was returned, he led the
heart Q, which lost to the A. On
the diamond Q South shed a
heart, and when the diamond 10
followed the dummy's spade 9
ruffed, the Q being forced from
South: The defence got no more
tricks after that, since the spade
8 was killed after the club re-
turn.

Note that, if North had return-
ed a heart after the diamond Q
won, West could have assured
the safety of his contract by dis-
carding his final diamond.

Tomorrow's Question

What advantage is there in
knowing your partner will raise
your major suit at his first
chance, instead of bidding an-
other, if he has four cards? How
does that knowledge aid you if
he bids a different suit his first
time and then raises yours on his
second chance?

(Dealer South Neither side
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COMMUNIST SPLIT IN BULGARIA REVEALED

Many Arrests In Bulgaria

Belgrade, April 6. Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, today reported that about 300 high Communist Party and State officials, involved in an "imperialist spy plot," had been arrested in Bulgaria.

The agency said the Bulgarian claims that the arrested men were Nationalist deviationists—and presumably therefore pro-Yugoslav—were false and were aimed at discrediting Yugoslavia. Reuter.

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1.30 p.m.—"Orchestra of the Week"—The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
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2.03 p.m.—Light Concert with Winnie Melville and Charles Kellum.
2.05 p.m.—"Down Beat" (BBC). Presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).
2.50 p.m.—L.A. Donahoe's "Francisco" (Radio).
3.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
3.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Bath, Kitzler (Studio).
3.20 p.m.—"TITAN" (BBC).
3.30 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
3.45 p.m.—World Theatre: "Dance from Vaucluse" in "The Success in France" by Alfred Godeffroy. Adapted for Broadcasting by Ronald Simpson (Part 1).
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Sofia, April 5. Manoeuvres aimed at causing distrust of the Politburo of the Bulgarian Communist Party are among the allegations made in today's edition of the party's newspaper against a former Vice-Premier, M. Traicho Kostov, who is now under arrest.

M. Kostov, it was reported yesterday, has been relieved of his duties as Vice-Premier, Chairman of the Committee for Economic and Financial Questions, and a member of the Committee.

The paper, "Rabotnichesko Delo," today published on its front page a long resolution passed by the Central Committee on March 26 after "hearing a report of the Politburo of the Central Committee on gross political and anti-party errors made by Comrade Traicho Kostov, as well as the incorrect methods of leadership and government applied by him."

The Committee stated that, while carrying on trade negotiations with Soviet Russia, "Comrade Traicho Kostov carried on an insincere and unfriendly policy regarding the Soviet Union." This evidence of "nationalistic deviation" in M. Kostov, stated the Committee, "was extremely harmful for the future of our State, which could not safeguard its national independence nor develop economically and achieve socialism without the confidence of the Soviet Union and its irreplaceable support."

M. Kostov was further accused of infringing the principle of collective leadership in the party and in the Government. "He ignored party leadership and strove to displace both the Prime Minister, Comrade Dimitrov, and the Cabinet. He planned absolutism, paralysed the initiative of individual Ministers and hindered the consolidation of a real genuine democratic Government."

Factional Struggle

A further allegation against M. Kostov, according to the Central Committee, was that he made decisive attempts to inflame a factional struggle in the party.

IATA Official In Singapore

Montreal, April 6. Hans Dedekam of Oslo has been appointed Acting Secretary of the International Air Transport Association, branch in Singapore. Sir William Mildred, Director of IATA, announced in Montreal. Mr. Dedekam will succeed Charles W. Blond of the United States, who is joining the Philippine Air Lines. Mr. Dedekam has been Assistant Secretary of the IATA Traffic Committee at the head office in Montreal. — Associated Press.

Walt Disney Loses Case

Paris, April 5. A Paris court decided today that Walt Disney has no copyright in the name of "Snow White." If anybody had, it would be the Brothers Grimm, the authors of the famous fairy tales from which Disney drew inspiration for his well-known animated cartoon, the court declared. Disney had sued Krema, a French confectionery firm, alleging a breach of copyright in their marketing of candy called "Blanche Neige" (French for "Snow White.") The court ruled that Disney had no case. — Reuter.

New President of Red Cross

Geneva, April 5. M. Andre Francois-Poncet, of France, was today elected to replace the late Count Bernadotte as President of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Conference. The Standing Commission, which met here today, is the highest authority of the Red Cross between international conferences. M. Francois-Poncet is Vice-President of the French Red Cross.

Mr. Ali Rana Tarhan, President of the Turkish Red Cross, was elected Vice-President of the Standing Commission. — Reuter.

Arab Agreement On Peace Talks

Beirut, April 5. All Arab States, except Iraq, agreed today to take part in an exchange of views in Europe with Israeli representatives present, it was stated in Beirut, capital of the Lebanon.

The Commission will not finally agree on the place and time of the meeting until its members have seen Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, in Tel Aviv on Thursday. Israeli and Syrian delegates held a three-hour meeting in Beirut today to discuss the problem and then branched out into an attempt to bring the Israelis and Arabs together for talks on a permanent settlement.

Dr. Ralph Bunche arrived in the Lebanese capital from Rhodes today to end his Palestine Mediator's mission by handing over to the United Nations Conciliation Commission. An Iraqi spokesman said that though they would not agree they had no objection to other Arab States participating.

Egypt, Transjordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Saudi Arabia (also representing the Yemen) told the Commission that they are eager to take part in any attempt to restore peace in the Middle East. — Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. MEETINGS ON WEST GERMANY

Washington, April 5. British experts on Germany started work yesterday with United States officials on a draft plan for a Western German Government, with a definition of its responsibilities and those of the occupation authorities.

The experts continued work today and Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, will review it tomorrow.

Mr. Bevin, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, have no intention of reaching clear-cut accords here on German problems but hope for a sufficient exchange of views to enable them to agree on the main outline of the problem.

Mr. Bevin has seized every opportunity to discuss European, especially German, problems with the other Foreign Ministers. Thus, during the Presidential reception last night, he and other Foreign Ministers, including the Scandinavian and Belgian representatives, got together for talks.

Mr. Bevin has decided to go to the United Nations Assembly on the advice of the Embassy. This constitutes an added strain because of two extra journeys, but so far he has stood up remarkably well, according to British sources.

He may exchange views with Mr. Acheson on other problems, including the Communist menace in South-East Asia, but there will not be sufficient time to hammer out combined policy.

Joint Note

The British, French and United States Foreign Ministers in Washington today sent a note to the West German Constituent Assembly at Bonn expressing the hope that the Assembly would give due consideration to the London Conference recommendations, under which it was established.

The three Foreign Ministers said they desired the Assembly to facilitate co-operation between a future German Government and the occupying powers. The "Council of Elders" of the Assembly was hurriedly called together after the note was delivered by the chief American liaison officer. The Socialists and the Liberals had hoped the Allies would not insist that instruction be left to individual States.

Leftist Member Rebuked

London, April 5. Thirteen Officers of the Imperial General Staff from the War Office made personal visits to the United States in 1948, the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today. Seven held the rank of Brigadier or above.

Cries of protest arose when Mr. John Platts-Mills, a leftist Independent Member, who had raised the matter, asked for an assurance that "this rather expensive traffic will cease now that we are an official satellite of the United States."

This brought a rebuke from the Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, who said Mr. Platts-Mills must not make imputations or inferences at question time.

When Mr. Platts-Mills went on to say: "Everyone can see that there is a secret surrender," the Speaker interrupted to say that he must not pursue the matter any further. The House then went on to the next question. — Reuter.

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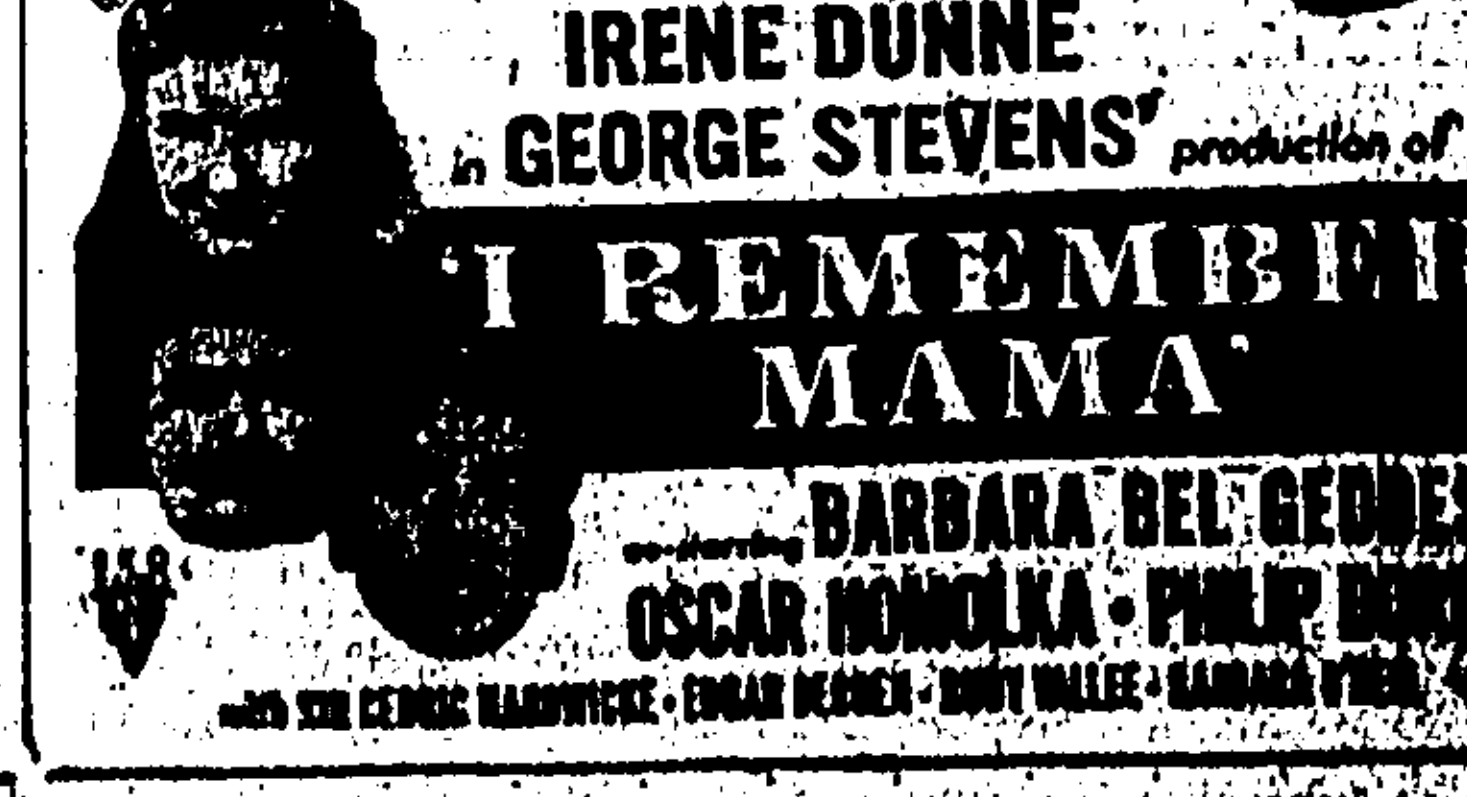
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REACTION TO NEW PACT EMPHASISES EAST-WEST SPLIT

PACIFIC SECURITY PACT?

Ottawa, April 5. The Canadian Government today looked upon the coming Commonwealth conference in London mainly as a prelude to a full-fledged regional security pact for the South West Pacific.

London reported that the only subject for major discussion when the Empire statesmen get together on April 21 would be India's national status.

British and Canadian quarters expect that India will try to clear away domestic constitutional difficulties preparatory to planning a broader role in South West Pacific diplomacy.

These quarters said they are prepared to make the best of the situation in the fact that any partnership between India and the Commonwealth—even on an unwritten basis—is preferable to strife which might have the effect of lining up India with Russia.

It is rumoured that a security pact, expected to be parallel with the North Atlantic pact, is being written by foreign policy experts of the United States, Canada and Great Britain.—United Press.

ECA CUTS DOWN IN KWANGTUNG

Canton, April 6. ECA is reducing the number of construction projects in the Canton area.

It announced that only four of nine dyke projects are being continued. The dykes are around the West River Delta, 40 to 60 miles South of Canton.

An ECA spokesman said the reason for the move is the shortage of banknotes at the Central Bank combined with insufficient progress of the projects affected.—Associated Press.

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United States Administration leaders in Washington hoped today that the Senate would give priority to the ratification of the newly signed Atlantic Pact, which comes into force immediately the seven founder nations finally confirm it.

Early world reaction to the signing emphasised the sharp "East-West" division on the Pact and Moscow Radio renewed its attacks on the "inspirers and organisers of a new war" who would never win support from the "popular masses."

While Communists and non-Communists in Europe underlined their known viewpoints, almost the only leader to "sit on the fence" was General Charles De Gaulle, who said that the French nation must "for the moment reserve its judgment" on the Pact as a whole.

Reuter reported as follows from the capitals of the world: Washington: President Truman would like the Atlantic Pact to be given "right of way" in the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is needed for ratification, but diplomats observing here thought the prospects for quick action were not bright.

The Democratic majority leader in the Senate, Senator Scott Ladd, would only say today that the Treaty would be debated this session.

While Washington reaction to the Pact is generally favourable, some criticism has been voiced, mainly expressing fears that the United States may be too much committed in advance to arming and deterring Western Europe.

Moscow: All Russian newspapers relegated a 57-word Washington despatch from Tass, the official Soviet news agency, about the signing of the Atlantic Pact to their back pages.

Tass said the signing Foreign Ministers made speeches "trying to present the aggressive military bloc, created by a treaty violating the United Nations statute and directed against the USSR and the countries of National Democracy, as allegedly a defensive measure."

Russian officials took the view that the speeches contained no surprises.

"War Instigators" A Moscow Radio broadcast in Russian said that the "inspirers and instigators of a new war never had and never will have support from the popular masses."

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COLONIAL ADOPTIONS PROPOSAL

London, April 5. Citizenship of Britain and her colonies will be conferred on children who are not British but are adopted by British subjects, if a new Parliamentary measure becomes law.

The Standing Committee on the Adoption Bill, now before the House of Commons, today accepted a clause to this effect.

Mr. Basil Black, Conservative, who sponsored the Bill, said it was proposed to avoid the adopted child not feeling "quite the same as other children."

He added that it was not proposed that a child who was a British subject should lose his British nationality if adopted by foreigners.—Reuter.

P.I. Divorce Law To Be Scrapped

Manila, April 6. The House of Representatives last night scrapped the divorce law which has been in force since 1917.

The vote came as the House continued consideration of the proposed new civil code.

The House approved an amendment killing the provision for absolute divorce and providing only for legal separation, which may be obtained on two grounds—adultery or concubinage and an attempt by either spouse on the life of the other.

The House action still has to be approved by the Senate.—United Press.

General Assembly Session Opened

Flushing Meadow, April 5. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, opened the session of the United Nations General Assembly here today.

In his speech, Dr. Evatt said: "Unflinching support for the United Nations and its ideals must be the watchword of all the member nations."

Dr. Evatt, who is President of the Assembly, added: "Every representative here is pledged to the view that the United Nations is the supreme international body for the maintenance of peace and that all other obligations which individuals or nations accept must be subordinate to and in accordance with those accepted in the United Nations Charter."

In the last few years, difficulties had arisen and often also suspicion and lack of co-operation. "Nearly all these difficulties have been caused by Great Power disagreements outside and independent of the United Nations."

"The governments of the world must keep faith with their peoples and the peoples of the world will certainly support leaders who strive to help the United Nations and carry into effect its great objectives—international peace, international justice and international welfare."

Among the Foreign Ministers who listened to Dr. Evatt's speech were Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Dean Acheson, Mr. Halvard Lange (Norway), Mr. Robert Schuman (France) and Mr. Lester Pearson (Canada).

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, making his first appearance at the United Nations as chief Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, sat among the Soviet representatives. He entered just before Dr. Evatt sounded his gavel and took his seat quietly.—Reuter.

Washington, April 5. The United States Air Force announced today that it is ordering 36 additional long-range B38 bombers and five more B47 high speed jet bombers. The B38 is powered with six conventional type engines.—Reuter.

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SENATE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF PACT

Washington, April 5. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the North Atlantic alliance in a 90-minute closed session today.

Senator Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas), the Chairman, declined to predict when the Treaty would come before the Senate for ratification.

President Truman is expected to send the Treaty to the Senate very soon.

But there may be some delay to enable him simultaneously to present Congress with his proposals for a foreign military assistance programme to implement its purposes.

The Treaty will not come into operation until it has been ratified by the United States, Britain, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Ratification by the United States will require a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate.

The Truman Administration is anxious for speedy action but the Senate is far behind schedule in its consideration of special reform "Fair Deal" legislation.

Arms Supply Action by the House of Representatives is not necessary for ratification, but the House will have to approve the Bill authorising funds for the provision of military supplies to the North Atlantic and other Powers.

More Congressional opposition is anticipated to this Bill than to the formal ratification of the Treaty.

As soon as the Treaty comes into effect, the North Atlantic Powers will set up a Council of member States with a Military Staff Committee to co-ordinate their defence plans and resources.

The representatives of the Brussels Pact Powers lost no time yesterday and met with the

United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, a few minutes after the formal signature of the Treaty.

Presumably, they discussed the integration of the Western Union defence system into the North Atlantic defence system.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PAYMENTS TO CHINA

Washington, April 6. The State Department reported today that the Treasury has paid out on schedule the entire \$125,000,000 appropriated by Congress for military aid to Nationalist China.

During the last week of the fund, authority for which expired on April 2, the Treasury paid out \$332,664. Congress provided the fund last year as part of an overall \$400,000,000 China aid programme.

The State Department said the money for military purposes had been paid either to the Chinese Government or to American Government agencies used by the Chinese to buy military equipment for their Government troops.

Major-General David Barr, who headed the joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Nanking, said here on March 16 that virtually all the military assistance supplied by this \$125,000,000 fund now is piled up in Formosa, China not having been able to use the equipment against the Communists.

Of the \$270,000,000 for economic assistance to China, an estimated \$54,000,000 remains unexpended. Congressional action on Monday authorised its use by February, 1950.—Associated Press.

PLANE HUNTER'S RECORD BAG

Moscow, April 5. Sergei Gorbunov, the Soviet Union's chief flying wolf exterminator, reports a record bag of 438 shot from his plane.

In the last three winters, while flying over the Volga valley, he killed 730 big grey wolves.—United Press.

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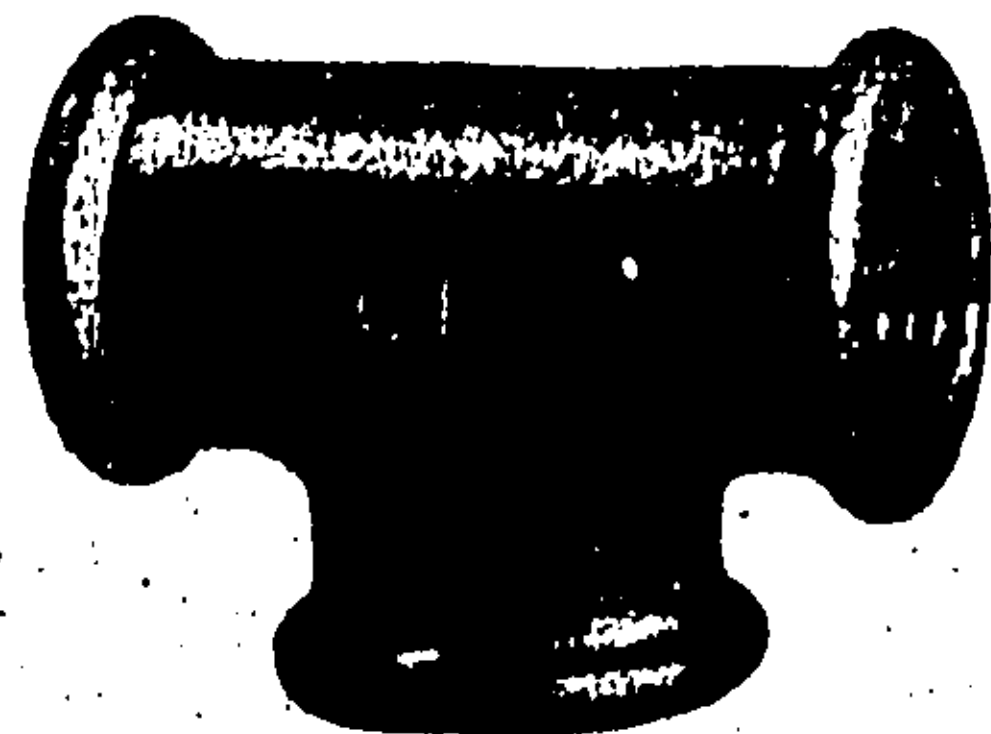
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ENGINEERING PAGE

New Conveyors To Ease The Burden



This "Conveyancer" fork lift truck is made by Electro-Hydraulics Ltd., Liverpool Road, Warrington, Lancs, England, and is fitted with special forks for the handling of bricks. A feature of these forks is that their use obviates the need for pallets on which the bricks are stacked.



This picture was taken in a famous ball and roller bearing factory and shows the finished goods passing along a roller conveyor from the inspection department to the power-pulled conveyor which carries them away to the despatch bay. This conveyor will be on view in the Engineering and Hardware Section of the 1949 B.I.F. Birmingham.

Mechanical Handling Equipment For BIF

Modern and well-designed mechanical handling equipment produced to meet the needs of every trade and industry will be on display at the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 2 to May 13) among the very wide range of engineering equipment and engineering products.

The handling equipment, on view at the Engineering Section of the Fair at Castle Bromwich, will be divided into two groups: one indoors and the other outdoors, according to whether it is planned for use mainly inside a factory or larger equipment chiefly for use in the open air.

Most industrial concerns will find that modern trucks will simplify the handling of materials. Where relatively modest loads are to be moved short distances, as in a small factory, then the obvious means of transport is a suitable hand truck. Modern hand trucks are strongly constructed to withstand the rough treatment to which they are usually subjected, but by making full use of present-day design technique it is possible to make them relatively light. This lightness combined with ball bearing wheels, efficient lubrication and other features now regarded as essential in a good truck, enables the user to manoeuvre heavy loads with comparative ease.

One of the most useful general purpose trucks has a low lifting platform only a few inches above floor level. It can be used as an ordinary fixed platform truck, or it can be used with stillage or pallets on to which goods have been loaded, the loaded stillage being lifted on block just clear of the floor by movement of the platform, after which it can be wheeled away. At its destination the load can be lowered easily on to the floor and the truck wheeled from under it. The lifting and lowering of the platform is carried out with the steering handle which can be coupled to the platform lifting mechanism for that purpose and uncoupled for steering and towing. In most trucks the handle forms a long lever for direct manual lifting, but in one make of truck it operates a hydraulic jack which lifts the platform.

Similar trucks, but power-operated, which are to be shown, cater for heavier loads and longer distances. Lifting-platform power trucks are petrol or battery operated, and are built for loads up to about three tons. The raising and lowering of the platform, in addition to travelling, is performed by power so that the minimum of human effort is needed to lift, transport and deposit a load.

Fork Lift Trucks

The employment of fork lift trucks and the introduction of a pallet system together constitute one of the really marked features of modern trends in mechanical handling, and the fork lift type of

truck is to be well represented at the Fair. All these trucks, whether engine driven or driven by battery-fed electric motors are of a rugged design but with pleasing lines. Special attention is paid to the accessibility of engines, batteries, and so on, and also manoeuvrability—a point of great importance because these trucks are frequently used in confined spaces such as stores and works.

By stacking goods on pallets at every stage of their passage through a works, it is a simple matter to lift heavy batches and to carry them to any point in a works, stores or outside into loading bays. Goods stacked on pallets can be loaded, complete with pallets, by the fork lift truck into lorries or railway trucks and then removed rapidly and with a minimum of man-handling by use of another fork truck when they reach their destination. Fork trucks are being employed today also in ships' holds for the stacking of goods and the carrying of goods from stacks to the crane hook during unloading.

In addition to the types of truck described above, numerous others will be on view e.g. trucks for transporting works pans, barrel trucks and tipping trucks. A useful truck for maintenance departments that handle heavy machines is a plant truck which has a platform that can be tilted to form a ramp up which the machine can be drawn by a winch or any other device provided on the truck. When the machine is loaded on to the truck the platform is pivoted to a horizontal position ready for transporting the load. At the destination, the platform is tilted again to allow the load to slide down it on to the floor.

Belt Conveyors

A good range of conveyors is to be displayed covering the main types: overhead, roller and band or belt conveyors. Conveyors are being introduced in increasing numbers in factories of all kinds, in mines, on docksides and, in fact, wherever it is necessary for goods or materials to be moved long or short distances.

When a conveyor system is installed in a factory for use in assembly work or processing, various advantages are obtained. In the first place a conveyor line defines the path to be taken by the load, and it thus enables a large measure of control to be imposed automatically on work in progress. Components are carried along their proper routes and are not liable to be side-tracked or lost in odd corners.

The conveyor system also does not lend itself readily to irregular back-tracking of work in progress e.g. the surreptitious return of parts that are faulty. In this

INFRA-RED RADIATION IN TESTING

The use of infra-red radiation in drying and testing is one of the many new processes which are being exploited in Britain today in the industrial drive for increasing output.

One of Britain's largest industrial concerns, the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., Electrical Engineers, have installed an infra-red oven in their works at Coventry, England, where it is employed for the detection of leakages in newly manufactured capacitors.

This Mazda oven is constructed along the usual lines with the lamps, and polished aluminium ventilation control panels housed within an enclosure of aluminium sheeting on an angle-iron framework.

Great care has been taken to secure adequate ventilation which, although permitting cold air to circulate and so cool the lamp caps, ensures that the air inside the oven remains at a reasonably constant temperature. Ventilation problems are simplified as no solvents are used during the process. The ventilation control panels ensure the utmost efficiency by reflecting any stray infra-red rays back on to the capacitors. A total of 72 lamps are mounted in four rows, two rows on each side of the oven.

De-Greased

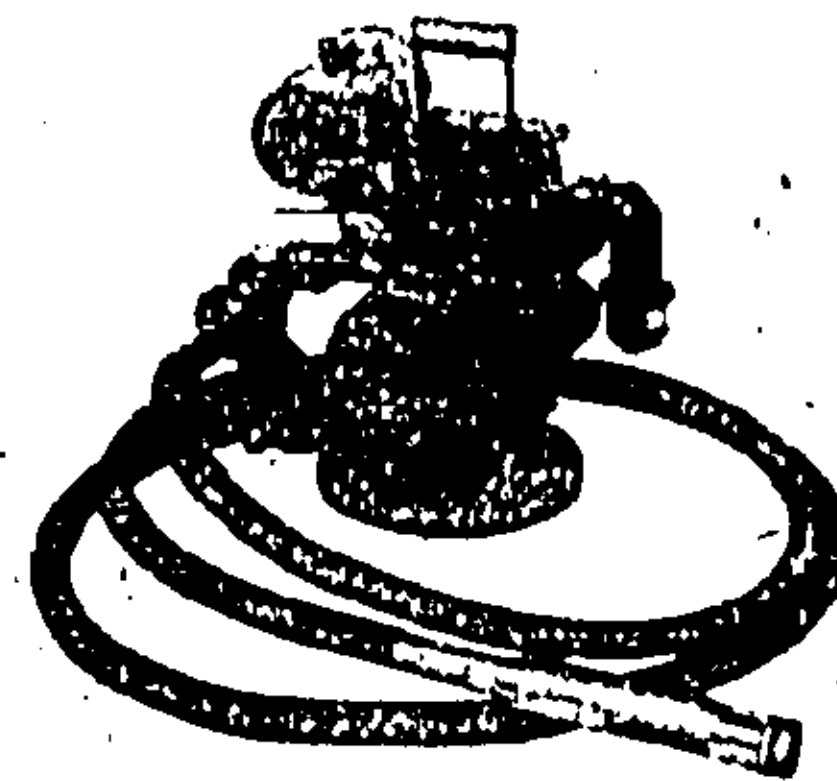
Newly-made capacitors are first placed in a "de-greasing" bath to ensure that the outer casings are completely free from any traces of the petroleum jelly with which they are filled. A wire-mesh conveyor belt then carries them in two rows, at a speed of 18 inches per minute, into the oven where they are subjected to a moderate heat. While passing through the oven the petroleum jelly is melted and it leaks out in the capacitor casings they are indicated by the presence of grease.

On leaving the oven, the capacitors are conveyed to the examiners who repair any faults. An additional production aid has been incorporated in the form of two warning lights which indicate to the loader that one or both examiners are not being adequately supplied.

The electrical circuit of the infra-red lamps is wired in conjunction with the circuit controlling the conveyor belt so that should the belt stop the lamps will automatically go out, thus avoiding over-heating of the capacitors which are still in the oven.

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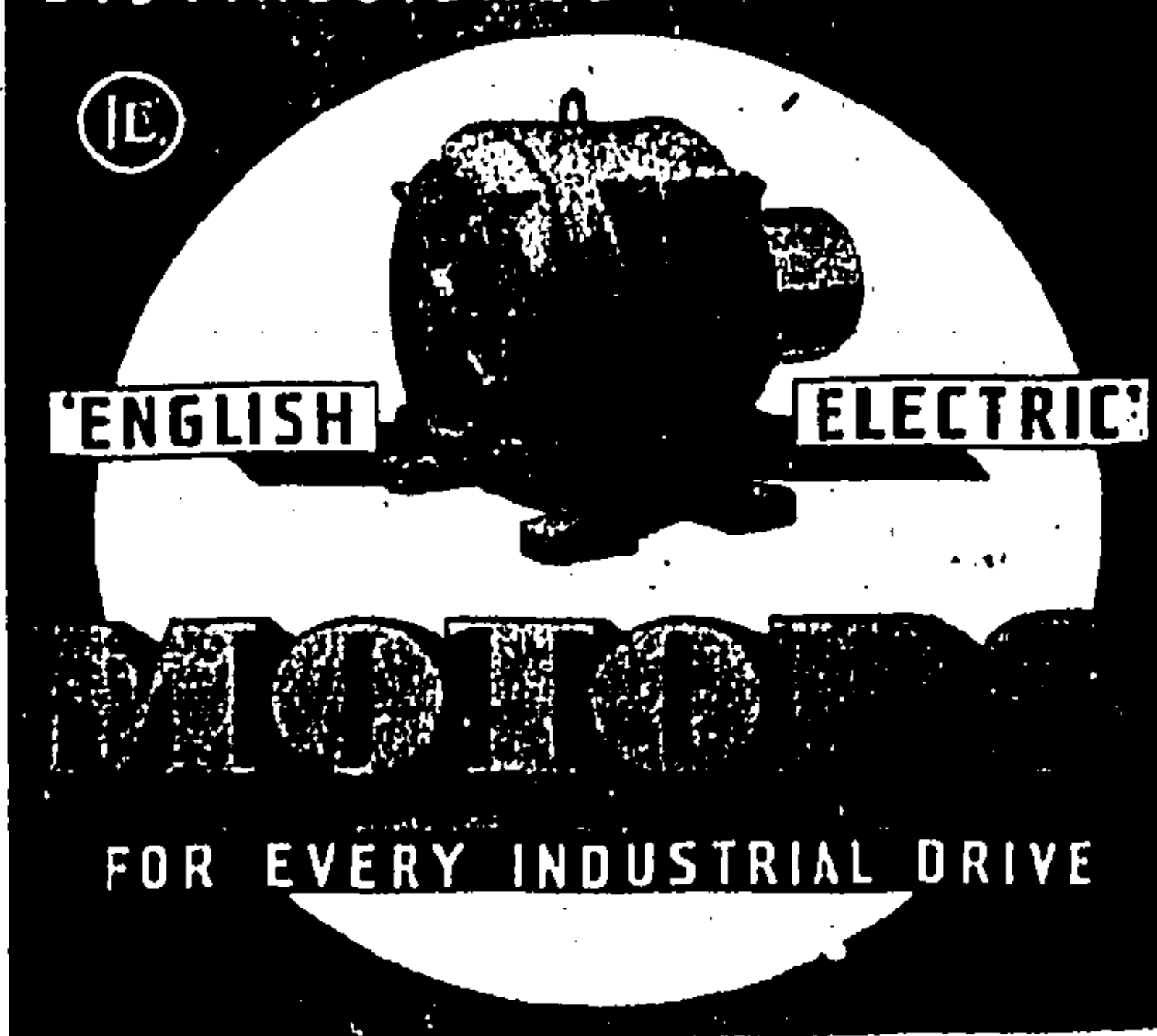
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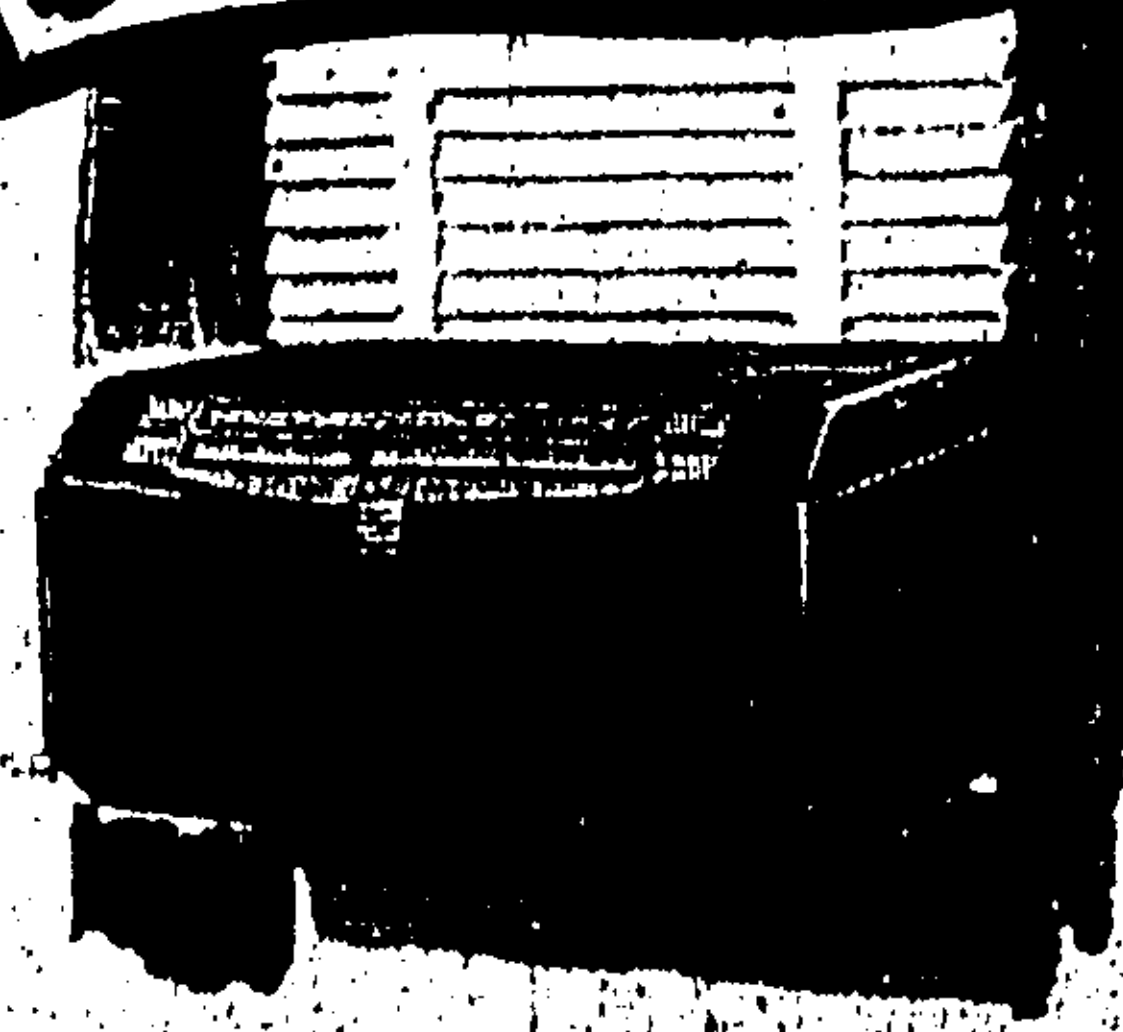
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"RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR WAR THIS YEAR"

Washington, April 5.

Two recently escaped Polish officials said today that Russia has massed more than 300,000 troops in Poland for an attack on the West which may come this year.

The two Poles were presented at a press conference by the former Vice-Premier, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk.

They said that Russia has been intensifying military preparations in Poland in the past six months.

Envoy May Lose Use Of One Eye

London, April 5.

An American Embassy spokesman here tonight said there are fears that the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of a fishing accident in which a fly hook caught in his eye.

Mr. Douglas was fishing in the River Test, near Andover, Hampshire, one of the most beautiful rivers in England and a famous trout stream. He was the weekend guest of the exclusive Houghton Fishing Club.

After the accident he was immediately rushed to hospital in Southampton and the eye was operated on yesterday. His engagements were cancelled for a week.

This condition this afternoon was said to be as good as can be expected. Mr. Douglas is being attended by Mr. Maurice Whiting, one of Britain's leading eye surgeons. —Reuter.

Gold Returns To Shanghai

Shanghai, April 6.

Some 100,000 ounces of gold bars, recently shipped to South China for safe keeping, have been returned to Shanghai to aid the Central Bank in its efforts to stabilize prices and check inflation, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports today.

Following yesterday's "unofficial" holiday declared by markets to settle outstanding accounts with the Central Bank, business was expected to return to normal today. However, it is believed that the Central Bank will in future repeat its Monday's large-scale gold dumping at regular intervals. —Reuter.

YOUTHS TOLD: BE ATHEISTS

Moscow, April 5.

Communist youth was told today to be atheist and fight religion by Mr. T. Yershov, secretary of the Central Committee of the Komsomol (Communist Youth).

He urged members in a speech at the organization's Youth Congress to educate school children "in the atheist spirit of the struggle with prejudices and superstitions."

The Komsomol must intensify instruction in natural science to combat religion, he said. Mr. N. A. Mikhailov, another Komsomol leader, said the clergy are trying to increase influence on youth and that the Komsomol cannot remain neutral toward religion.

He said: "The performance of religious rites is incompatible with membership in the Komsomol."

Mr. A. A. Voznesenski, Education Minister in the Russian Federated Republic, said the Soviet Union has liquidated illiteracy completely. He said 35,000,000 children are attending schools in the Soviet Union. —United Press.

"This Year"

Asked if there was any indication when the planned attack would be launched, the Poles said it was their feeling that it could happen this year.

Banczyk and Wojcik said they escaped from Poland two months ago and arrived here last week. They would not reveal their route other than to indicate that they had passed through Germany. —United Press.

Two Appeals Dismissed

London, April 5.

The appeal of Harry Lewis against sentence of death for the murder of Harry Saul Michaelson, cartoonist and variety artist, in a London flat was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal today.

Lewis entered the flat as a burglar and struck Michaelson with a steel chair. Michaelson was getting out of bed.

The Court of Criminal Appeal today also dismissed an appeal by Malcolm Frederick Roach, Canadian, aged 34, living at Leyton, Essex, against his conviction for the murder of his wife, Rose Louise, aged 25. Roach had been sentenced to death. —Reuter.

GLIDER ESCAPE FAILS

Vienna, April 5.

The "Arbeiter Zeitung" reported today that a Czech pilot, trying to escape from Czechoslovakia in a glider, was arrested just inside Austria by the Soviet authorities.

The glider came down in the Caenserdorf area, the paper added. —Reuter.

FIRE HORROR IN HOSPITAL

Effingham, Illinois, April 5.

Two women in labour escaped from a blazing hospital here early today in which nearly 60 people, including about 20 children, are feared to have lost their lives.

Both expectant mothers, one of whom jumped from a second-floor window, gave birth to babies immediately afterwards, and all four are reported doing well.

Eighteen inmates, including eight babies, were killed leaping from the windows of the four-story St. Anthony's Hospital, which was destroyed in less than an hour. Many others were badly injured. Trapped victims screamed for help as firemen from six nearby communities battled to free them and relatives searched frantically for their kinsfolk in the intense heat.

Firemen found the bodies of 11 babies still in their flame-benched metal cribs in the charred wreckage of the second floor. The uncounted bodies of patients from upper floors were strewn about the nursery and under windows.

The Catholic nuns in charge of the hospital set up a first-aid station in a garage.

Amazing Escapes

Dr. George Wood, a staff physician, put the number of the dead at 55 to 58, but an accurate figure could not be given as the hospital records were lost. The police records showed that 55 people escaped. The hospital chaplain, Father Sandon, is reported to have died. Two nuns and a nurse are missing.

An expectant mother, aged 24, who jumped from a second-floor window, gave birth to her baby in a nearby home less than two hours later. The second expectant mother, who was already in the delivery room when the fire broke out, managed to escape and was transferred to a neighbouring hospital, where her baby was born.

The blaze was thought to have started in a coal chute with the flames flashing up a lift shaft and enveloping the whole building. The hospital is in the residential section of Effingham, a town of 8,000 population 200 miles South of Chicago. —Reuter.

Chewing Gum Helps Typists

Chicago, April 5.

A doctor said today that chewing gum, nibbling sweets and sucking pencils are an important part of doing work. Dr. Lee Bartemir of Detroit said eating and working are two aspects of a single psychological factor.

He added that he found one corporation which reported that its typists are 17 per cent more efficient when they chew gum. He reported on his study to the American Psychiatric Association meeting here.

Watching people at work, Dr. Bartemir found there is usually some movement of mouth, lips or jaws as in eating when the worker is concentrating.

"If the worker encounters difficulty in doing the job, the eating movements become stronger."

"Many competent workers suck or chew their pencils or pens while carrying out their tasks," he added. "The majority of them smoke."

This is how he explains these observations: "These discharges of oral impulses which accompany their working efforts suggest the likelihood that their working does not provide sufficient release of tension and they have need for additional discharge of their instinctive child-like oral drives of nursing and biting." —United Press.

Colombo, April 5. Quadruplets, all girls, were born to Mrs. A. W. Martin, aged 23, wife of a labourer, in the Kandy Civil Hospital today according to the "Ceylon Observer." The weights of the children ranged from two pounds 12 ounces to three pounds five ounces. The mother is in good health. —Reuter.

Germans Strike In U.S. Zone

Frankfurt, April 6.

German trade union officials were in a fighting mood after the first day of an uneventful transport workers' strike in the American zone state of Hesse.

A union official expressed the conviction: "We will be victorious."

Approximately 2,500 workers of private transport organisations walked out from their jobs yesterday morning in the key cities of the state, demanding higher wages.

The Transport Workers' Union reports it has its followers well under control and no incidents have occurred. Pickets are guarding some transport companies' premises.

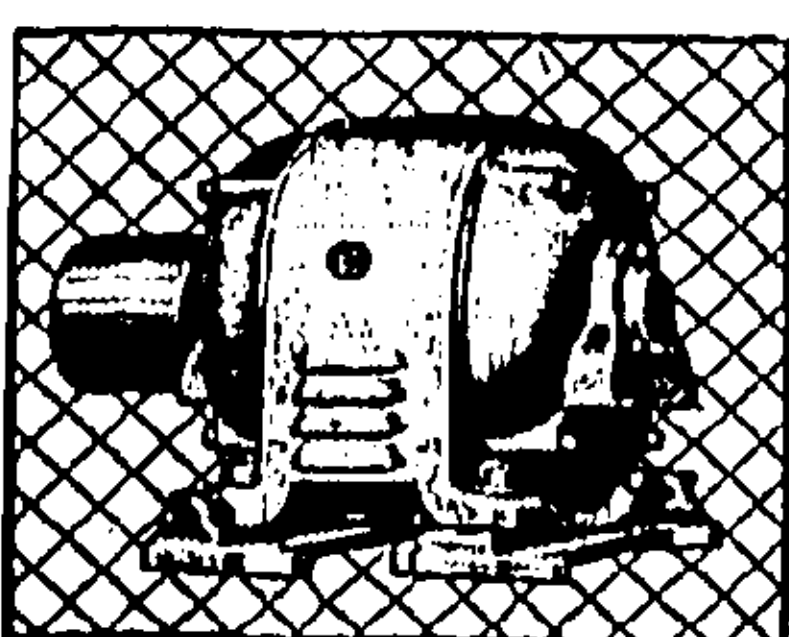
Union negotiations with the employers for a 15 per cent wage rise failed on Monday night. The

union yesterday said: "We shall hold out the longest until we are victorious."

The strikers will receive compensation for their wage losses from the union, an official said.

It is not known yet if a Government mediator will be called to settle the dispute. Government mediator will be however, believe in an early settlement.

They said the strike was not felt much yet because state and city-employed transport workers are not involved. —Associated Press.



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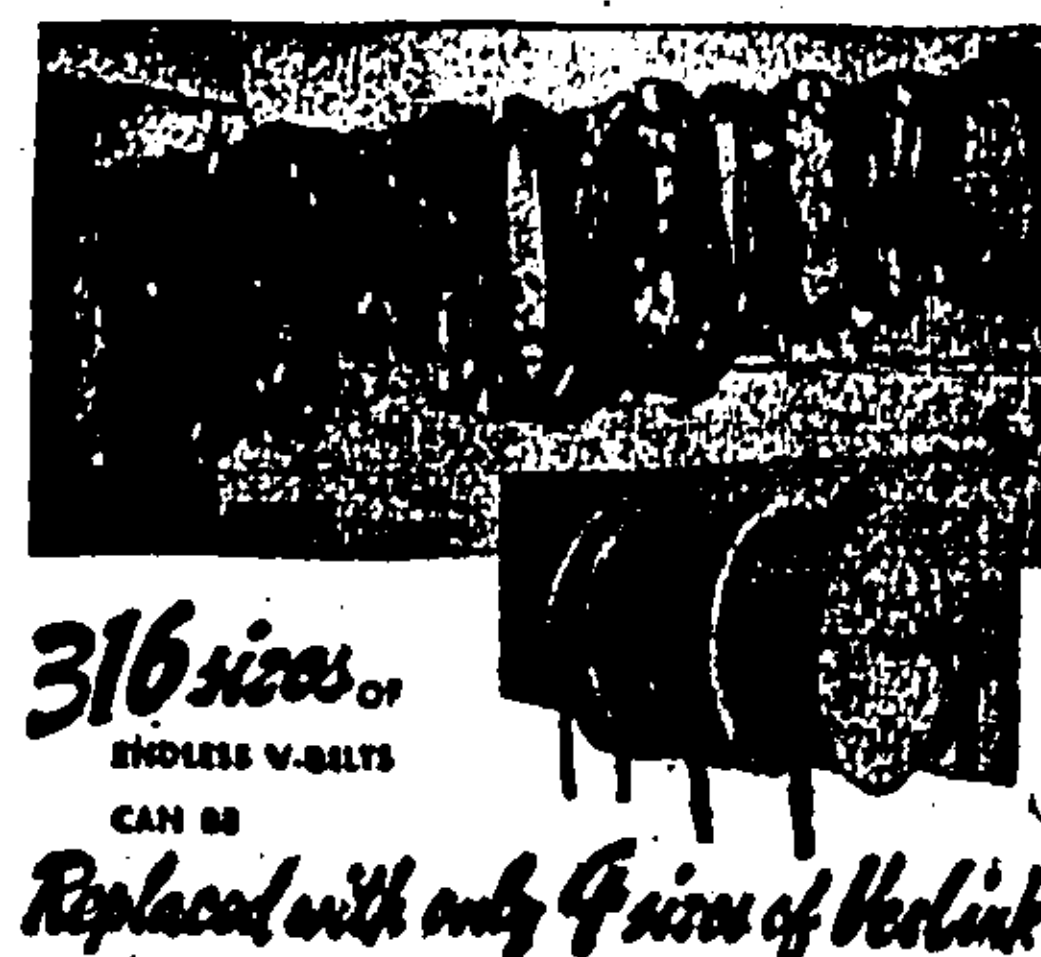
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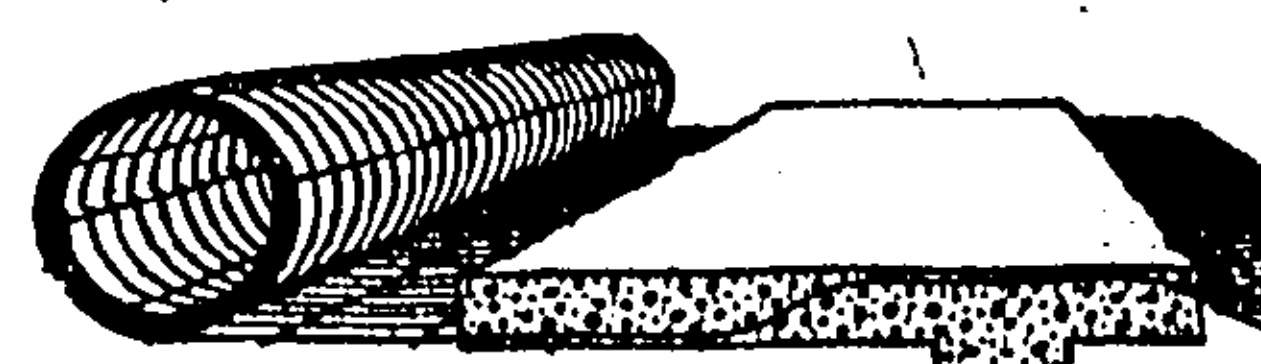
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KAREN LEADER'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OFFER

Rangoon, April 5.

Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the fighting Karen tribesmen who have been in revolt against the Government since the end of January, went to Rangoon under protective escort today to sign surrender terms, a pro-Government report stated.

A cease-fire was ordered at Insein, a Karen-held railway town 10 miles North of Rangoon, after Saw Ba U Gyi's unconditional surrender offer, the report added. The tribesmen took over the town on February 2 and have fought off repeated all-out Government attacks.

Last month, the Government offered an amnesty to the Karens—Burma's largest majority—if they stopped fighting by April 1.

In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, promised that elections would be held within a month if the insurrections stopped immediately. Besides the Karens, Government troops are fighting the Communists, the Mons tribesmen and the "White Band" members of the People's Volunteer Organisation.

Thakun Nu told the Burmese nation that he would not "acquiesce to political demands" though the office of Premier is not attractive to him.

In the second broadcast within a week, Thakun Nu said the political power entrusted to the Burmese people by the late Aung San "would never be surrendered."

He said: "I will resign from office only after I return this power to the rightful owners." He concluded: "No political demand will seize power by forcible means."

Cabinet Changes

Lieutenant General Ne Win, Commander-in-Chief of Burma's armed forces, yesterday became Burma's Deputy Prime Minister. It was officially announced.

He will also be in charge of Defence and Home Affairs. The portfolio of Foreign Affairs passes into the hands of another new Cabinet Minister, Supreme Court Judge Lee Maung, who is also in charge of Judicial Rehabilitation, Health and Rural Administration.

Premier Thakun Nu will also assume the portfolio of National Planning. Two additional portfolios were given to Finance Minister U Tin.

These are Commerce and Supplies, and Mines and Industry. Former Judicial Minister Ba Gyan becomes Minister of Forests and Agriculture and Information Minister Tun Be assumes in addition the Education portfolio.

Mahn Win Maung, in addition to being Transport and Communications Minister, becomes Public Works and Labour Minister.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Britain's Talks With Portugal

London, April 5.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, denied in the House of Commons today that the Anglo-Portuguese trade and financial negotiations had broken down.

"They are now being resumed through the British Embassy at Lisbon, and we expect quite shortly to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," he said.

"The interruption of United Kingdom exports to Portugal should be regarded as temporary," he added.

Mr. Oliver Crosswhite-Eyre, Conservative, had asked why the negotiations had broken down in view of the serious effect the exclusion of British exports from the Portuguese market would have. He also asked how much had been lost through Portugal's cutting off of British imports.

The Chancellor replied that he did not think Britain had necessarily lost anything.—Reuter.

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Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's office will close 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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Lisbon, April 5.

A woman and 37 men were today sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 10 months to three years, for "subversive and Communist activities."

All the accused will lose their political rights for from one to five years.

Nine men were acquitted of the charges in the trial, which had five sessions and was open to the public.—Reuter.

PACIFIC QUAKE

Tokyo, April 6.

The Central Meteorological Observatory in Tokyo. Officials at the Observatory believe that the epicentre is located under the sea about 200 miles South of Vladivostok.

It is said to be the first recorded quake in this area since 1939.—Reuter.

Sharp Exchanges At ECAFE Talks

Bangkok, April 6.

The United Nations ECAFE today concluded the whole committee conference by approving a movement to set up a representative committee on industry and trade, open to all members and associate members and with power to implement decisions.

The Soviet delegate, S. Nemtchina, Minister to Siam, opposed the action and cast the sole ballot against it. Burma, and China abstained.

Before adjournment until the full meeting of ECAFE in Singapore on October 10, there were sharp exchanges between delegates.

The United Kingdom delegate, P.H.J. Stent, criticised the Soviet suggestions, saying the Soviet delegate was full of fantastic suggestions and groundless accusations. He said: "M. Nemtchina's misapprehensions must be due to misunderstanding of the democratic processes of Western countries which, of course, is not surprising."

M. Nemtchina said the Soviet Union is ready to export products to countries in the

CHINESE REDS MASS OPPOSITE INDOCHINA

Hanoi, April 6.

Some 10,000 uniformed and well-armed Chinese Communists are massed on the Northern frontier of Indo-China awaiting the order to attack French positions, a highly qualified French source said yesterday.

These Communist forces include 10 battalions on the Laokay-Hoangsuphi sector on the North Western frontier and 15 battalions on the North Eastern border between Langson and Moncay, scene of a recent "feeling out" assault by the Chinese.

This source revealed that the French High Command expects a strong strike at any moment in the North Eastern section where the Chinese are more numerous and where they can count on the support of Communist cells among the local population.

All these Chinese troops are under the command of Communist General Tehou Kia-pl, Commander of the Yunnan and Kwangsi regions, according to this source.

Two Chinese Communist regiments—the 20th and the 21st—are concentrated in the region of Moncay, according to intelligence reports.

Recent attacks on Moncay were led by two battalions from the 20th regiment, said to be commanded by Colonel Sam Ong-dow.

This source said the Chinese Communist troops were wearing khaki and helmets bearing a red star.

Could Become Perilous

The situation of French forces in Tonkin—the Northern section of Indochina—is described as unfavourable because of the lack of manpower.

This has forced French troops to go on the defensive against attacks by the rebel Viet-Minh—Indochinese Nationalist—forces. This source said that unless an urgent remedy is applied, the position of these French troops could become perilous.

French sources said that a week ago the commander of the Chinese Nationalist Ninth regiment stationed at Tongking, a Chinese town facing Moncay, sent a message to French officials admitting he was unable to prevent Communists from passing through his lines to attack the French.

Informed French military sources predicted a joint assault by the Chinese Communists from the North coupled with Viet Minh guerrillas from the rear on French posts.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S DRASTIC TAXATION

London, April 5.

Britons paid 30 per cent of their personal incomes in taxation last year, compared with 19 per cent in 1938, according to estimates published today in a Government survey of national expenditure.

Spurred by Government calls for still greater output, Britons last year produced goods and services worth £9,775 million—11 per cent more than in 1947.

Simultaneously with their battle for recovery, the people fought another against prices, which rose on the average by about seven per cent over 1947.

Company profits, in a partly socialised Britain, showed a rise of 17 per cent over 1947, but the whole of this increase went either to reserves or into provision for taxation.

The National Wage Bill increased 12½ per cent between 1947 and 1948, and practically the whole increase was due to a rise in the average earnings. Salaries rose six per cent and professional earnings by 10 per cent.—Reuter.

U.S. Resolution On Mindszenty

Washington, April 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today sent to the Senate a resolution protesting against the prosecution of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, Archbishop Stepinac in Yugoslavia and of Protestant clergymen in Bulgaria.

The Committee unanimously endorsed the resolution and approval by the Senate itself is almost certain.

The Committee Chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said that the resolution represents a watered down version of what had been planned originally.—Reuter.



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"PAKHUI"	Singapore	4 p.m. 9th Apr.
"FOOCHOW"	Yokohama via Port	11th Apr.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 12th Apr.
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Batavia, Cheribon, Sourabaya & Macassar	5 p.m. 12th Apr.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 10th Apr.
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March--A Busy Month For Hong Kong Port

Some 241,212 tons of cargo were unloaded in Hong Kong during March from 285 ocean-going vessels, according to official statistics. Cargo carried from Hong Kong to ports abroad by 292 ocean-going steamers totalled 104,913 tons.

Three hundred and twenty-nine river steamers discharged 7,785 tons of cargo in the Colony and carried some 14,754 tons out of Hong Kong in the month under review.

A total of 74,279 passengers arrived in the Colony by sea and 74,071 left in the month of March.

During last month, 99 British ocean-going vessels entered the harbour and 103 left. British river steamer arrivals totalled 159 and departures, 160.

Details of shipping arrivals during March follow: British: 99 ocean-going vessels (208,710 tons); 159 river steamers (85,174 tons); river-steamers cargo: 4,548 tons; river passengers: 33,419; ocean-going passengers: 10,610.

American: 29 ocean-going vessels (151,125 tons); passengers: 7,111.

Chinese: 73 ocean-going vessels (108,859 tons); 170 river steamers; river steamer cargo: 3,237 tons;

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

The following particulars of the arrival and departure of airmail planes is notified:

1. The Outward Airmail to United Kingdom, on Thursday, April 7, 1949, will close at noon.

2. The Outward Airmail from Japan scheduled to arrive on Monday, April 11, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Friday, April 8, 1949.

3. The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, on Monday, April 11, will close on Monday, April 11, at 10.00 p.m. at Kowloon GPO and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

With effect from April 1, 1949, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:

Destinations: Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories.

Letters: 1 cent for each ounce or part of an ounce.

Postcards: 5 cents each.

Copies of the "Annual Report for 1948" (Price \$5.00) are on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

Surface mail for Tientsin and Beijing can be accepted for onward transmission via Shanghai and Chongqing.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post are 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Canton and Hankow (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Hong) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Hong) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kanton and Luchow; Airmail for Amoy, Nanking and Tientsin, (Hong) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon; Airmail for Swatow and Tientsin, (Hong) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Bombay, Dares Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Melbourne via Alexandria, (Hong) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for London, Kowloon, GPO: (Hong) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Hong) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Japan, (Hong) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Hong) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Time by Sea

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On Municipal Council

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Only the most exceptional circumstances would justify the reversal of the Council's decision on the clipping of its wings, and the permission of the Secretary of State would be necessary before any such action could be taken.

At all times, the validity of its bye-laws, and the constitutional character of the actions of the Municipality would be liable to challenge in a Court of Law.

(4) Although the Colonial Treasury would, for the time being, also act as the Municipal Treasury, the Municipality would be allotted its own sources of revenue, books etc. and would be given a wide measure of control over Municipal Finance. Again to avoid duplication, Municipal accounts would be audited by the Colonial Audit Office.

Municipal Loan projects would have to be submitted to the Colonial Government and, also, to the Secretary of State.

In the provision of Lands and buildings which would be required by the Municipality, the Secretary of State requires to be consulted, so as to ensure that sufficient regard would be paid to the general financial position of the Colony.

(5) The Council would be staffed partly by locally recruited personnel, by transfers from the Colonial Civil Service and by persons recruited direct from the United Kingdom. Mr. Creech Jones towards as many as possible becoming permanent servants of the Municipality, as few as possible retained on the Colonial Civil Service lists, in which, as Sir Mark Young points out, there is a wider field for promotion.

(6) The provision of a competent Town Clerk would nominally be a matter for the Council itself, but the services of such an officer to aid in planning the transfer of departments and executing the inception of the Council are so essential that Mr. Creech Jones has agreed to the appointment of the Town Clerk for a period of two years. It is not being found easy to find one.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

(1) The Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be elected by the Council from among its members, hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The Council would have power to vote the Mayor either a salary or an allowance. Other Councillors would be unpaid.

(2) There would be 30 seats on the Council—15 open to the Chinese community, 15 to the non-Chinese communities. Of the 30, 20 would be elected, 10 nominated. The 10 nominated members would be recommended by the Governor's nomination by the following public bodies, or others decided upon whilst the Ordinance setting up the Municipality passes through the Legislature:

Recommending body	Chinese	Non-Chinese
The Chinese Chamber of Commerce	1	—
The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	—	1
"The Hong Kong Residents' Association"	—	1
The Kowloon Residents' Association	—	1
Registered Trades Unions	2	—
The University of Hong Kong	1	—
Unofficial Justices of the Peace	1	1
	5	5

* No such body yet exists.

Notes.—In the view of Mr. Creech Jones, while Trade Unions in Hong Kong are still in the formative stage, the allocation of only two nominations to them is acceptable for the life of the Council. The possibility of an increase therefrom should be carefully considered.

Should any of the recommending bodies fail to propose a properly qualified candidate by the appointed date, power to appoint would move to the Governor.

(3) For the Chinese electorate, there would be 10 separate divisions, six on the Island, four on the Mainland, each sending one member to the Council.

Non-Chinese

The non-Chinese division would cover the whole Colony, and send 10 members to the Council. In order to ensure due representation of the local Portuguese and Indian communities—in 1931, these numbered 3,200 and 3,500 persons respectively, as against 5,700 of British race and 1,600 non-British Europeans—special provision would be made so that whatever the number of votes passed, at least one Portuguese and one Indian shall be declared elected.

Note.—These, as with other features of the scheme, would be subject to review from time to time in the light of experience.

(1) Women equally with men shall be eligible both to vote and

to stand as candidates for membership of the Council. No nationality or race is barred.

(2) No oath or affirmation of allegiance would be required of either electors or Councillors.

(3) Councillors must be literate in English, which would be the official language of the Council. Voters must be literate in either English or Chinese.

(4) The minimum age for both voters and Councillors will be 25 years, as literacy increases, or other factors alter, this will be reduced to 21.

(5) Candidates should at the time of their nomination either reside or have their place of business on that side of the harbour in which the division lies which they are contesting.

(6) Non-British candidates would be required to have resided in Hong Kong for 10 out of the 15 years preceding their nomination. Non-British voters must have resided for six out of the 10 years preceding their acceptance on the Register.

Any period of absence from the Colony during the years 1943, 1945 shall be reckoned as residence, if the claimant was actually resident in the Colony for a total of four years between 1936 and 1941 (inclusive) and for one year since August, 1945.

(7) In addition to six years' residence, age and literacy eligibility, non-British voters would need to have qualification in respect of property or alternatively, jury service (including exemption from jury service). They must have been for at least three months previous to their application for registration as a voter.

(8) An owner of a tenement rated at more than \$200 a year, or (b) tenant of premises rated at a similar sum, or shop tenants; or (c) living in certain specified villages, owner or tenant of premises rated at not less than \$20 a year.

Alternatively, persons registered on the Jury Lists, or properly exempt from Jury Service would be eligible to vote. In this connection, Mr. Creech Jones noted that persons being blind, deaf or suffering from certain other infirmities, or more than 60 years of age are commonly excluded from the Jury Lists, but should be eligible to vote, being otherwise qualified.

ELECTIONS

Elections would be held every three years, all Councillors retiring in a body, but being eligible to stand for re-election. Thus a Councillor elected at a by-election would serve only until the election year of the Council as a whole.

IMPLEMENTATION

After the holding of the first elections, and not until then, a Commission would be set up (including elected Councillors among its members) to report on the measures necessary to effect the re-organization of the Council, and on the steps to be taken to avoid wasteful duplication of administrative services. The recommendations of this Commission would be submitted to the Secretary of State before any decisions could be taken upon them.

Meanwhile, much preparatory work has been, and is being carried on by a special officer of the Government set aside to advise the Governor on the whole question of the proposed Constitutional changes. It is from him, and from the Town Clerk when appointed, that the scheme would gradually take form.

It is assumed that the Ordinance now before the Legislative Council, and now in the hands of the printers does not greatly vary from the general trend of the views expressed by Sir Mark Young, and the agreement conveyed by Mr. Creech Jones written into the foregoing preface.

SHIP DUE HERE FROM TIENTSIN

The ss. Hunan is expected to arrive at Hong Kong on April 13 from Tientsin. The vessel arrived at the Tientsin Bund on March 28. She loaded between 400 and 500 tons of cargo, embarked a number of passengers and crossed the Taku Bar on April 2, on her voyage to Incheon, Korea.

Among the passengers who embarked at Tientsin are Mr. and Mrs. Oppelens and Miss Oppelens, Mr. and Mrs. Atter, Mrs. Franklin and her two children, Mr. and Mrs. Haensch, Mrs. Will, Mrs. Stuck, Miss Tulkin, Mr. and Mrs. Blume and their two children, and Mr. Laver.

Mrs. Lyella Chapman, Mrs. G. H. Swain, Dr. Leo McGarick, Mr. Leopold G. Phillips, and Mrs. H. H. Nash left Hong Kong for Shanghai yesterday by the ss. Pakhol.

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ss. "CARTAGE"	18th May	16th June
ss. "CORFU"	28th June	11th July
ss. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
ss. "CARTAGE"	8th August	8th September
ss. "CORFU"	2nd September	3rd October

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 6.

A highly selective demand for stocks developed in yesterday's market. A hand-picked group of shares moved up to new 1949 highs while the rest of the list showed an even mixture of practical gains and losses. Transfers totalled 900,000 shares.

Most traders trimmed their activities as they awaited first quarter earnings reports and more and more conclusive figures on retail sales. Gainers included Consolidated Vultee, Western Airlines, Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, Dome Mines, Allied Chemical, Loews.

Among stumblers were Phelps Dodge, United Airlines, Pure Oil, Gulf Oil.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 63.93; 20 Industrials 177.04; 15 Rails 48.80; 10 Utilities 35.75.

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US Steel 25 1/2
US Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 23 1/2
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General Public Utilities 13 1/2

Heavy Slump In Taiwan Business

Taipei, April 6.

Import-export business has slumped in the past four months and future prospects for commerce are none too good. This is the consensus of American businessmen here.

One of the reasons is the skyrocketing of rice prices, weathercock of general commodities. Rice, quoted on local markets three times higher than at Shanghai, has forced up other items, making native products too high for export.

Another reason is currency inflation which gets worse. Trading is always difficult when currency depreciates faster than actual quotations can be altered. This handicap, common in China, is new to this island.

The Communists' sweep over North China drove many business firms to Taiwan, which has caused keen competition.

Some fear is expressed over Governor Chen Cheng's reported plan to make this island an experimental ground for British-type Socialism. This might result in a further tightening of the Government's grip on enterprises already heavily controlled. All export industries now are in the hands of the Government, including sugar, tea, pineapple, camphor, cement and paper.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Money Market

Gold climbed to HK\$318.50 a tael yesterday on the trail of rumours of a possible war scare in Europe.

The opening rate was \$315.75, and apart from a 25-cent drop at the beginning, it was an all-way climb.

US dollars also rose several points and closed at HK\$32.20. Gold Yuan's new low was HK\$ 2.75 and \$2.50 for Hong Kong delivery; \$1.60 and \$1.70 for Canton remittances; and \$1.40 and \$1.60 for Shanghai remittances.

Piastres opened at HK\$30.20 a 100 and closed at \$9.07 1/2 after an interval at \$9.02 1/2.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$2.50 a 100. Sterling was steady at HK\$15.45, as were Australian pounds at HK\$13.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 6.

Stock prices were firm in most sections of the market in quiet trading. Manila Rails were strong and sharp improvement was recorded in Argentine utilities.

Tobacco issues recovered from early losses and small gains were made in brewery and textile issues. Bear covering in Kafirs reversed opening weakness and these shares ended with a firm tone. Oils also closed higher.

Financial Times Index: 1153.3. Associated Press.

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PAKIOI (D & S), British, 1,557 tons, ex-Keelung, Capt. B. Wilson, Capt. W. Bent, A9	April 6
WAVE MASTER (Naval Store Office), British, 8,100 ex-Canton, Capt. B. Wilson, 100	April 6

TODAY	DATE
DAYBEAM (H.M.S.), Japanese, GENERAL MEIGI (APL) ex-San Francisco, 100	April 7
PRESIDENT BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles, 100	April 7
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EMMARON (D & S) ex-Keelung, 100	April 8
MATHIAS (H.M.S.), Japanese, 100	April 8
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In a thrilling upset at the badminton championships last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club, C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong claimed the Junior Men's Doubles title from D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung, taking the games to two duces in three sets that had the spectators almost at the ceiling with excitement.

Another upset but minus the thrills was Hong Kong University's left-hander C. K. Lee's effortless victory over a dishevelled Robert Tay to take the Singles crown in two straight sets, 15-11, 15-7.

In the Ladies' Singles (Seniors), Ulian Khoo showed superior badminton craft in defeating Marie Ribeiro in three sets, losing the second one, in which she erred extravagantly, after a duce.

Ulian had Marie all the way under her control. In the first set, play was even till the third point. Khoo who displayed a better understanding of court tricks had Marie dancing to her tune with no drops placed just where Marie couldn't reach them.

Marie on the other hand was doing a neat amount of smothering, particularly when Ulian's backhand returns took to upward flights.

Ulian then forced Ribeiro to back court with ceiling lob, scoring each time with a soft placing to mid-court. Her cut drops were even more telling. With this mixture of play Ulian ran ahead to a 4-2 lead before Marie gathered another two points on Khoo's consecutive short ones.

The score continued progressively in Khoo's favour until the set was counted at 10-5.

Marie then found her feet, which until now had been slow in getting to Ulian's shots.

Service from this stage changed hands about six times with neither able to make a point. Play was becoming faster as both girls moved their shots with stylish effect.

After a prolonged duel at lob, Marie rushed up for a kill but hit the shuttle against the net after Ulian's service to end the first set at 15-6 that went to Khoo.

Marie's Comeback
Marie came back excellently in the second and had Ulian committing errors in every part of the court. Score was 5-1 for Marie after some fine display by both players with Marie collecting from Ulian's defensive returns which were ripe for kills.

Ulian drew up steadily but Marie was also scoring in between exciting rallies that more often than not saw Ulian fumbling in attempting difficult strokes. Although Ulian picked up a duce at 9-9, she gave way in the following three points to Ribeiro's good play.

The deciding set saw Ulian back for the kill. After giving Marie a two point lead, she levelled up at 2-2, then lost the next point but earned the following four points to place the score at 7-3.

More thrilling rallies continued in between four exchanges of service before Ulian took the shuttle to send up four more points to clinch the match. It was a champion's game with the

Junior Men's Doubles

The game that had spectators on the edge of their seat with thrill and suspense was the Junior Men's Doubles between Yung-Chong and Lau-Chung.

At no stage of the three sets was it possible to pick out the winner, at such close quarters was the match being fought. The issue was decided on the last point of a duce game in the third set.

In all that has been written and said about badminton games during the season, I do not believe there was any Senior or Junior match that can be compared with that game last night which decided the Junior Men's Doubles championship.

The first set ended in a duce. Lau and Chung, much favoured to win, were temporarily out of the match when they led at 5-2 after winning the service from Yung and Chong who had rushed in two points with it.

Lau and Chung continued to hold their marginal lead until the eighth point when the score read 8-5.

Three points came quickly to Yung and Chong, leveling at 9-9. Then the game took to its peak in a thrilling, never relaxed until the match came to its final point.

All through this, there was no usual long rallies. Points were being scored in short spurts of lightning shots with all four players poised.

The feature of the match was that both sides refused to be put on the defence, countering one another, lob for lob, smash for smash, and placing in such fantastic patterns that it tired one to watch.

Chung's smashes had power and accuracy but both Yung and Chong were up to the occasion. The heavier Chong was not, however, as active as his partner Yung, who committed some costly errors, when occasions presented easy kills on an open court and he fumbled. The first game finished at 17-14 for Yung and Chong.

No Let-Up

Although the favoured pair returned to take the second set in 15-4 play was kept over as briskly as before. There was no let-up in either side in their forgetful endeavour to keep the initiative. Lau was by now weakening. In this set the pace was kept to such

Robert Tay Leaving HK

Robert Tay, the former Colony badminton singles champion who lost his title to C.K. Lee last night, may not be playing in the championship Men's Doubles on Saturday.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, Tay received a cable from his people in Malaysia, calling him home immediately for his father, whom he had not seen for some 10 years, is seriously ill.

Tay is now waiting for his papers to be ready and will leave by the first plane.

His partner is Patrick Wong in the doubles game, which has been arranged for Saturday.

speed that both sides started getting in their own way. Both pairs clashed frequently when reaching for shots.

Lau and Chung were the first to fall out of this with Chung more steady than his partner Lau.

Lau went to pieces completely in the final set. His form became erratic. But forced into play by speedy and vigorous duels, he jumped into his stride and smashed dropped and retrieved in a brilliant manner.

Lau, it was obvious, could not stand the pace. Time and again his partner Chung had to call the shots to him to prevent crashing, which would have disrupted the combination completely.

In the third set, points came in three of three each. Yung and Chong led with the first three then Lau and Chung made them all back to level.

In The Final Set
In the final set, Yung and Chong led with three points only to have them levelled by the opposite pair again. They carried the score to 4-3 before giving back the service on which Lau and Chung failed to capitalise.

The next three points were earned off Lau's errors. Lau was at this stage completely in pieces although he stood up gallantly to the attack, countering somewhat but always ending in fault.

His partner Chung on the other hand never gave up. He threw in all the strokes in the book, plus his own peculiar few, and managed to stall the tide.

Here, Lung and Chong led by three points. Lau's spasmodic return to brilliance crept up to level at 12-12 then going into a duce.

The last four points were a fitting climax to a grand match. Yung and Chong served. The score went 2-0, 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, and after a long rally with two changes of service, Lau was beaten by a smash and Yung-Chong won the set and title.

Robert Tay's Defeat
In the Senior Men's Singles, Robert Tay actually handed over his singles crown to HKU's C.K. Lee.

Tay wasn't even trying, it seemed. Followers of Tay during the first set believed that he was trying out, as is usual in his singles games.

Lee didn't have to be in form last night. As it was the new champion, hadn't to exert very much. All he did was drive to Tay's forecourt, low to score. And he did. Tay's mind didn't seem to be on the shuttle.

In the two sets, Robert Tay's usual irrefragable back court smother, therefore, was conspicuously absent. Occasionally he made a neat low drop, but that was just about all. Only once did we see his brilliant smash. The other times, his returns were either feeble or went too far and wide.

C.K. Lee did not have much chance, therefore, to show his best. To do, however, bring about some fine shots. All of them, needless to say, counted.

The match ended, 15-11, 15-7. Results: Senior Ladies' Singles: Ulian Khoo beat Marie Ribeiro, 11-3, 9-12, 11-3.

Junior Men's Doubles: C.Y. Yung and K.P. Chong beat D.C. Lau and W.C. Chung, 17-14, 4-15, 10-15.

Senior Men's Singles: C.K. Lee beat Robert Tay, 15-11, 15-7.

HKFA MEETING
A meeting of the Interport Subcommittee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office at 5.30 p.m. today.

Agenda: Final selection of the Interport team for Manila.

Derby County May Win On Saturday

(By 'ALCYDES')

This Saturday we have a full league programme in Home Football, with perhaps the best match of the day at the Baseball Ground, where Derby County who went down to the bottom dogs, Middlesboro, last Saturday, will entertain Newcastle.

This encounter should prove a real test of football skill. This will be Newcastle's first visit to Derby since 1934 when they then shared the points. I think on this occasion, however, I shall give Derby the benefit of the doubt and plump for a Home win.

Manchester United whose exit from the Cup last week came somewhat as a surprise to soccer enthusiasts, are this week at Home to Chelsea and to me it seems to be the safest home bet of the day.

Portsmouth will find Blackpool quite a stiff hurdle to surmount and I would not be surprised to see the latter hold them to a draw.

At the other end of the table we find almost half a dozen teams in very bad straits and it is anyone's guess who is likely to fall from grace this season.

Huddersfield, who dropped to rock bottom again last Saturday, losing to Chelsea by 5-1, are this week at home to Birmingham and will find points difficult to come by.

Villa and Preston, both deeply involved in this relegation issue, oppose each other at Villa Park, and it looks to me as though Villa will be the team to improve their position this week.

Middlesboro, the other team whose Division one status is at stake are away to Arsenal, and it will need all the football skill they possess to take a point from the 'Gunners'.

In Division II, Fulham, who received a rude set-back last week will this Saturday be engaged with a much improved Leeds United, and will find the latter quite a hard nut to crack. However, I think the 'promotion' this year incentive will enable the Cottagers to win the day.

Who will stop Southampton?—not West Ham I'm thinking! It should mean another two points in the bag for Southampton, even without their star centre forward Wayman, who was injured last week. By winning this match they should thus ensure themselves of a place in the premier Division next season which will be the first time in the history of the club. No one will dispute that they are worthy champions on this season's displays.

Both Notts Forest and Lincoln City at the other end of the table seem to have put on a spurt in recent weeks. This Saturday Forest entertain the Cup finalists, Leicester City and I am inclined to think that both points will go to the Home team.

Lincoln City, on the other hand, will not find things so easy at Carlisle, in fact they will be

MALAYAN BADMINTON TEAM CAN BE BEATEN

Copenhagen, April 5. The all-conquering Malayan badminton team, holders of the Thomas Cup, can be beaten by Denmark if the Danes play the right sort of game in their match starting here on April 11, according to Mr. Ken Davidson, trainer-manager to the American Thomas Cup team.

In a letter to a Danish friend, Mr. Davidson, a Scottish badminton champion and Yorkshire cricketer, wrote: "You can beat the Malaysians if you play right. Do not try to win too early and do not take any chances. Use clears and drops and keep the shuttle in play."

Although the Danish team has not been selected, the probabilities have settled down to a strict training routine and are determined to avenge their 8-1 defeat by the Malaysians in the finals of the Thomas Cup at Preston.

The Malaysians will also take part in the international tournament which is to be played here during Easter.

Danish fans are eagerly waiting to see Chan Kung Leong in action with Tony Ahn, holder of the Danish women's singles title, whom he is expected to partner in the mixed doubles.

A feature of the mixed doubles may be the appearance of David Freeman, All-England champion and American No. 1 player who has not been defeated in a singles match for ten years. He has tabled stating that he wants to appear in the doubles with his partner, this caused some surprise among Danish badminton players, who were unaware that Mrs. Freeman was in tournament class.—Reuter.

KICK-OFF TIMES

With the introduction of Summer Time, the time of kick-off for soccer matches will, until further notice, be as follows:
Week days—8.30 p.m.
Week-ends—2nd Division—3.30 p.m.; 1st Division—5.00 p.m.

SOUTH CHINA'S ANNUAL MEET ON MAY 19, 20, 22

The Annual Open Athletic Meet, sponsored by the South China Athletic Association, will be held on the Association's Ground at Caroline Hill on May 19, 20 and 22.

The Meet, which is held annually with the aim of promoting interest in track and field events, is open to contestants in the Colony as well as in outports.

Mr. Aw Boon-haw has consented to donate all prizes and to defray all expenses in connection with the Meet.

All entries for the Meet should be sent to the South China Athletic Association, Caroline Hill, on or before May 3. Outport entries received after May 3 will be considered valid, only if the postmarks stamped on the envelopes, clearly show that they were posted on or before the closing date.

Intending contestants should submit entry forms containing the following particulars: (1) Name and address; (2) Nationality and (3) Number and title of events in which the contestant intends to participate. Two passport-size photographs should also accompany each entry form.

An entry fee of HK\$2 is charged for each team taking part in a Relay Race; the entry fee for all other events is HK\$0.50.

Contestants may be of any nationality, but no individual can submit entries for more than four events. In the case of Clubs, only three members shall be eligible for each individual event. Six members can be listed for the Relay Races; of these, only four will be allowed to actually participate.

System Of Scoring
The system of scoring will be the same as that which was adopted at the 7th Chinese National Athletic Meet, that is, for each event, 10, six, four, three, two and one points will be awarded to those occupying the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places respectively.

Suitable prizes or souvenirs will be awarded to those taking the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in each event. In the case of relay races, separate souvenirs will be awarded to the Club or Association which those taking part represent.

In the event of any contestant being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have been guilty of any breach of the rules or of misconduct, the Committee shall have power to order the offending individual or party off the field or to be suspended.

SAN MIGUEL BREWERY DARTS LEAGUE
Result of matches played on Friday, April 1:
RADIO WA 4, BETA 1, Dockyard Charities 1.
Men's News
25th RAF 4, Beta 6, 70s Mens HMS Tamar 9.
AC Mens Boundary Street 5, Garrison 10.
AC Mens Austin Road 2, AC Mens Harkwood Road 4.
RAF Kai Tak 2, CPOs Mens HMS Tamar 4.
25th RAF 10, WWS and Beta 10.
RNI Mens Mens 5, HK Chinese Training Unit 1.

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Dockyard Charities 10 10 5 2 11 39 31
Bentley Mens RNI 12 12 2 7 17 37 29
ACM Austin Road 10 13 3 4 16 44 29
RAF Kai Tak 10 11 3 5 17 47 25
WWS & Beta 25th RA 20 10 8 7 6 16 33
WWS & Beta 25th RA 20 9 2 9 5 16 20
ACM Harkwood Road 20 6 7 7 6 16 20
WWS & Beta 25th RA 20 9 11 5 16 20
ACM Boundary St 20 6 2 12 51 69 16
PDS Mens HMS Tamar 20 7 0 13 44 72 14
HK Chinese Train Unit 20 3 0 12 43 77 11
Garrison WWS & Beta 20 3 14 49 71 9
88th Squadron RAF 20 2 1 17 21 99 5

REMINDER FOR KCC MEMBER
Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club who intend entering for the Spring tennis tournaments are reminded that the entries for these events close at the Club house tomorrow at 7 p.m.

In all, there will be five handicapped events and so far the entries promise some good competition. Entry forms may be obtained from the Club secretary and it is hoped to play off most of the first rounds on Easter Monday.

Competitors will be informed through the press and by notice on the Club's notice board as to when they have to play off their games.

TENNIS MATCHES
A series of tennis exhibitions will take place on the Chinese Recreation Club on April 10, commencing at 8 p.m.

Lady-Mah-Kun Lo will present the prizes to winners of the following:
(1) Open Hard Court Championship.
(2) League Championship.
(3) Club Championship.

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Team Picked For Cricket

The following team has been selected to represent Rent of the League against the Second Division Cricket Champions, Indian Recreation Club, at the IRC at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

S.A. Gray (KCC) (Captain), E.A.J. Hancock (KCC), H. Matthews (KCC), A.E. Noronha (Recreio), E.A.R. Alves (Recreio), A. Osmond (Recreio), C. Hughes (Navy), J. Windmill (Navy), Rees (Army), Stevenson (Army) and Aircraftman Follett (RAF).

Reserves: D.G. White (KCC) and E. Nisole (Navy).

Any player who is unable to play is requested to inform Mr. S.A. Gray by telephone (No. 28015).

HOCKEY FIXTURE

The YMCA Hockey team to meet the Civil Service tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. on the YMCA pitch will be—

Cynnes: Bull, Gorely, D. Ingalls, Gibbons, Smith, Blonknoop, A. Ingalls, Boycott, Robertson, Slater, Reserve: Clemen.

The team to meet Cable & Wireless on Sunday April 10 at 11.00 a.m. on the YMCA pitch will be—

Cynnes: Gorely, Smith, D. Ingalls, Gibbons, Robertson, Blonknoop, Weldon, Boycott, Jacobs, Slater, Reserve: A. Ingalls, Bull, Clemen.

HOCKEY MEETING

A meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held in the Board Room of the "South Morning Post" today at 5.30 p.m.

Main items on the agenda will be the draw for the Interport and Quadrangular Tournaments—the former including eight Nations and the latter between the Army, Navy, RAF and Civilian.

A Representatives and Club Secretaries are requested to attend.

Royal Navy Victors In Soccer Match

Royal Navy 3—Kwong Wah 1

The heavy downpour at about 5 p.m. yesterday did not deter Royal Navy and Kwong Wah from playing off their first division soccer fixture at Causeway Bay, the game ending in a win for the sailors by three goals to one.

In spite of the heavy state of the ground and the rain, both teams displayed excellent ball control and the game was played at a brisk pace from start to finish.

Navy settled down to clever football from the kick-off and carried out a number of raids on the Kwong Wah goal, but their forwards found Tam Woon-cheuk a stumbling block in their way to goals.

Kwong Wah were always dangerous whenever they were on the move and it was during one of their occasional breakaways that they drew first blood. Ng Yan-pui beating Adie with a well placed shot.

Navy attacked strongly after this setback and were soon on equal terms, Tozer scoring with a beautiful shot from a free kick just outside the penalty area.

The sailors continued to dominate the exchanges and just before the whistle blew for half time, Brown put them ahead with a fine shot, the ball curving into the net with Tam Woon-cheuk out of his charge.

Navy's Narrow Escapes
The second half opened with the Navy attacking, but Kwong Wah retaliated strongly and the Navy goal had several narrow escapes, only the weakness of the Kwong Wah forwards preventing them from scoring.

As the game progressed, the sailors gained the upper hand and the Kwong Wah defence was subject to a hectic time as the Navy launched attack after attack. Tam Woon-cheuk was playing a splendid game in goal for Kwong Wah and his confident handling of the slippery ball robbed the sailors of many goals.

The Kwong Wah forwards only came into the picture occasionally, but they at no time seriously challenged the Navy defence.

Navy were awarded a penalty, but Tozer who was entrusted with the spot kick failed to con-

RESULTS AT A GLANCE
FIRST DIVISION
Royal Navy 3 Kwong Wah 1
SECOND DIVISION
WD Chinese v K Motor Bus 1-0
PCCA v Chinese AA 2-0
Kowloon Motor Bus received a walk-over from WD Chinese.
This game was not played owing to the water-logged state of the ground.

TODAY'S SOCCER
First Division
Kit Chee v KMB (PP from 2.10), Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: Pto. Collins.
Tramways v Kit Chee (PP from 2.10), Army "A", 5.15 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.
Club v Army-HK (PP from 1.10), Club 5.15 p.m., Referee: A. Deacon.

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